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BIBLE WORK IN CANADA.

A Perplexing Problem to Reach the Immigrants.

MIXED NATIONALITIES.

Rev. J. H. Ritson Says the Future of Canada Depends on Welding Different Elements Into One People.

Rev. J. H. Ritson, Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, having returned to London, has written an interesting letter to the "Bible in the World," giving his impressions of Canada. Mr. Ritson's presence at the late convention of the Bible Societies in Canada did much to forward the movement for a confederation of the various Bible Societies, which is now practically assured, Montreal, Quebec, Upper Canada (Toronto), and other societies having signified their acceptance of the principles of the union. Under the heading "Our Partners in Canada," Mr. Ritson asks what are the best means for placing the Bible within the reach of every immigrant in Canada in his mother tongue. He admits that it is a perplexing problem in view of the fact that during 1903 over 125,000 people settled in the country, and since March of this year the new arrivals have averaged a thousand a day. Chinese, Japanese, Doukhobors, Mennonites, Galicians, Poles, Germans, Italians, Frenchmen, Englishmen, Scotchmen are spreading over the northwest. From the Bible depot, which is less than a mile away, Scriptures are sold in thirty tongues.

FUTURE OF CANADA.

The future of Canada, Mr. Ritson thinks, depends on her success in welding together these different elements into one people. The State is anxious to make the immigrant into a Canadian, and the church is anxious to make him into a Christian Canadian. At this juncture the Bible Society steps forth and offers the Bible—the one book which can unite Jew and Greek, barbarian and Scythian, bond and free, male and female, and make all one in Christ Jesus. But the problem of Bible distribution admits of no simple solution. We are told, says Mr. Ritson, that Canada's difficulty is "not its millions, but its miles." It will require a combination of the genius of able pioneer missionaries to reach with economy and efficiency those scattered far and wide, on remote farms and lonely ranches, in distant lumber camps and far-off mines.

COSTLY WORK.

The work will be costly, and the timeworn criticisms may be heard of those who sit at home in arm chairs and calculate the expense of colportage, forgetting the words of One who set a whole world in the balance over against one single soul. Canada's first and greatest problem is "How to make her own children a Bible-reading and Bible-loving people?"

Mr. Ritson adds that Canada has a missionary spirit which looks out upon all nations, and acknowledges a world wide responsibility which is best shown by the fact that during the years 1895-1903 \$15,000 per annum were sent to the general funds of the Bible Society.

MR. TRIPP'S OPINION.

Appreciative Words From the Conductor of the Toronto Male Chorus.

A large and handsome photograph of the Toronto Male Chorus recently attracted much attention in the windows of Messrs. Gourlay, Winter & Leeming in that city. The Male Chorus Club, which has the distinction of being the oldest choral society in Toronto, has attained under the baton of Mr. J. D. A. Tripp a high pitch of efficiency. They sing with a polished style that is more meritorious and their tone quality is smooth yet virile. Mr. Tripp and the Chorus have made it a rule to bring

to Toronto for their concerts assisting artists of talent and reputation, and the result of their enterprise has fully justified the public spirit they have manifested. Last year they brought the Cincinnati Orchestra and Herr Van der Stucken. This year they gave Toronto an opportunity to hear that eminent pianist Josef Hofmann and the American soprano, Ruby Shotwell Piper.

Mr. Tripp occupies a unique position in the musical life of Toronto. His reputation as a soloist pianist is exceptionally high not only in Canada, but beyond the boundaries of this country and therefore, his opinion as to the merits of a piano has special value. Writing recently to Mr. Gourley of the firm of Gourlay, Winter & Leeming concerning their piano "The Gourlay," Mr. Tripp said he had never played the Liszt "Liebestraum" on a more responsive instrument, the tone of which was simply delicious and the mechanism all that could be desired, meeting readily all the demands made upon it by the pianist.

CATCHES HIS FISH FROZEN.

Michigan Farmer Now Laying In a Preserved Supply.

Union City, Mich., Jan. 24.—J. S. Graves, who owns a farm bordering upon one of the inland lakes, is now not only harvesting a fine supply of ice for use next summer, but also combining with very little extra labor the accumulation of a food supply in the form of fresh fish, which will be just as fresh and edible when he desires to eat fish next summer as they are now.

When the ice began to form on the lake, and before it had attained any great thickness, Mr. Graves scattered angle worms and grubs over a considerable area of thin ice.

The fish in the lake, attracted by the food, which they could plainly see, but could not quite obtain, kept their noses pushed persistently against the ice. So hungrily eager were they that they did not notice the rapid formation of ice about them until they were finally frozen solidly therein, within a few inches of the surface.

Every cake of ice contains from one to ten fine fish, frozen alive in the block, and it is thought that his catch of fish will weigh over a ton.

Lord Mount Stephen Honored.

London, Jan. 24.—The King invested Lord Mount Stephen with the insignia of the Grand Cross Royal Victorian Order. The Earl of Clarendon, Chancellor of the order was present.

The Royal Victorian Order was established on April 21, 1896, the Sovereign of the order being His Majesty, King Edward VII. The ribbon of the order is of dark blue, with a narrow edging of three stripes, red, white and red. Lord Mount Stephen is among some fifty six other Knights of the Grand Cross, many of them royalties. It is doubtless his recent gift of £200,000 to the King's Hospital Fund, a fond which His Majesty has very much at heart, that led to the honor being bestowed upon Lord Mount Stephen.

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