

THE SECRET OF THE REVIVAL'S GREAT SUCCESS IN WALES.

Mr. Tudor Rees and Rev. G. O. Griffiths, Wels Revivalists, Tell the Wonderful Story of the Conversion of a Hundred Thousand People.

Montreal Herald.—Like an after-breeze of the great Welsh revival, is the presence in Montreal of three of the workers in that religious movement, who begin in this city a series of evangelistic meetings which they will hold on this continent; their headquarters during their stay being at the Moody Bible House, Chicago. They are all young men, and most enthusiastic in their belief in the great power that Evans Roberts has had in the movement, which attracted world-wide attention. One of their number is Mr. Tudor Rees, the practical man, who, as stated in Saturday's Herald, has written a life of the Welsh leader, Evans Roberts, and who has studied the revival from personal observation. He is therefore competent to pass opinion on its work and results. With him are also Rev. G. O. Griffiths, formerly pastor of a church in Rutland, England, and Mr. Dewi Michael, the Welsh singer.

The revivalists arrived on the Algonquin liner yesterday. For this reason the revivalists had little time to prepare themselves for the first of their services, which was held in Stanley Street Presbyterian church last evening. The church was filled by a congregation interested in hearing of the Welsh revival from competent eye-witnesses. Rev. Mr. Dewey, pastor of the church, in introducing the speakers, spoke of the very great interest that had been felt throughout the Christian world in the movement in Wales, a movement which had resulted in 100,000 conversions. He was sure that interested Montreals would be glad to welcome its representatives, and hear of the work from the lips of those who had participated in it.

Mr. Dewi Michael followed Rev. Mr. Dewey, and in a clear, strong and sympathetic voice sang "Hast thou ever heard of the Saviour's name?" Mr. Michael is a man of forcible, earnest manner, and there were evidences of that emotional, but simple, element in his singing that has often been commented upon as a keynote of the Welsh revival. It had none of the sensational or exciting quality that is very often too evident in religious singing of an active evangelistic nature.

Mr. Michael also sang the well-known hymn, "Bring Them In," during the service.

Mr. Tudor Rees, who has given up a legal practice in Wales to identify himself with the movement, and who is a representative of the London Standard, spoke briefly. He is a youthful man, and an interesting speaker. He was not a preacher, he said, but he desired to tell a little of this wonderful movement. Sometimes the question was asked as to what was the secret of Evans Roberts' success. He would answer that the secret was that of every man who consecrated himself to God. Evans Roberts was successful because of his transparent simplicity, proud humility, and absolute consecration of his whole life to the work of his

Creator. Evans Roberts gave himself to God, and had followed his commands. Fifty years ago, continued Mr. Rees, it was noonday in Wales, the sun shone and peace was over the land. Soon, however, the dark clouds gathered, and the sun disappeared behind a mass of moral and spiritual apathy. At last the cloud broke, but it was in showers of Pentecostal blessings of the great revival of last winter, in which over one hundred thousand had been converted, of whom practically none had fallen from grace. The results had been practical and had bettered the every-day life of men and women in Wales. Even the children had taken it up. In one place hundreds of children had gathered and carried on zealous and earnest meetings. In some towns the saloonkeepers closed their places for a certain time every day. One of them stated he had lost 300 pounds since the revival began, but that he was willing to lose 300 more of it continued its good work. Police courts that had had one hundred or more cases on the docket on a Saturday morning, had none at all. In one the court had no cases, and merely delivered a panegyric on the revival.

In closing he wished to make an appeal on behalf of Evans Roberts, an appeal to the young people. The revival had shown the infinite possibilities of youth,—it appealed to the young, and a life made beautiful by consecration would shed a fragrance that would result in great deeds.

Mr. Griffiths, who afterwards spoke, possesses a virile, strong personality that immediately struck a practical and earnest note in his appeal. They could not even as coming to this continent as Welsh revivalists, bring the Welsh revival with them. There would be nothing more disastrous than to attempt to copy the methods of the revival in Wales. In order to have a revival in Montreal it was not necessary to sing Welsh songs, or attempt to copy the Welsh emotionalism, but it must be one that came of itself in its own way, it could not be imported.

What had brought about the Welsh revival, but prayer, and prayer continually? Let them look at that boy, a collier-lad, who had gone into the pit day after day, and following the light that grew up in his soul even in his daily task, had felt the power of prayer, and at last had felt the courage well up in his heart that eventually turned into a burning and mighty yearning for the people's souls. What had been the result? Evans Roberts, at the head of the great Welsh revival.

And from Evans Roberts had come a message to them, which he would give them. "Ask and ye shall receive." They must get at the world by the gateway of heaven. A revival was not a thing of caprice, but of fixed inviolate law. If Montreal wanted a revival Montreal must pray for it, and pray unceasingly. There was no other way.

VIGILANT SEARCH FOR THE ROBBERS.

Sheriff, However, Has Little Hope of Capturing Men Who Held up the Great Northern Express.

Seattle, Oct. 10.—Detectives, police and sheriffs are vigilantly searching for the outlaws who held up the Great Northern Express Co., has offered a reward of \$5,000 for the capture and identification of the men implicated, a proportionate amount for the arrest and conviction of one or more of the men in the party and \$500 additional for the conviction of each robber. Only two men were seen closely enough by the train crew to give any sort of description. One was of slender build and medium height and wore a slouch hat. He climbed into a cab and ordered the engineer to stop the train.

The second robber, seen by the brakeman, wore a rubber coat and hat and was of medium height. At first it was thought that the gang had made their escape in a launch. Later, however, a wagon and horse were found on the Lake Aler road, 13 miles from Seattle, being apparently the same rig stolen Monday morning at Kent.

Several officers are following the trail believed to have been taken by the bandits, toward the old line of the Seattle & International for the Lake Jungles, where Tracy hid for days. Farmers along this route were awakened by a team that drove madly during the night.

Officers started out with bloodhounds to follow them. Reports of the amount secured are not complete, but while it is stated that they will not exceed \$1,000 it is also alleged in some quarters that the men got away with \$7,000 in gold.

Frank Alfred, 24 years old, and Ronald Gibbs, 19, who were on the blind baggage, were brought to Everett on the train and are now in the city jail. They are held on suspicion at the request of the railway officials.

Tom Grant, of Everett, one of the passengers on the train, says that there was no panic. The passengers

were unanimous in a desire to shut all the windows. Many fearing they would be the next victims, hid their valuables.

A brakeman went through the train, warning the passengers of the seriousness of the situation. He asked if the passengers had guns and warned them to get them ready. In case any attempt was made to hold up the passenger coaches. One passenger had a shotgun but declined to use it.

Mr. Condoni a Tacoma passenger, says that he has seen both Alfred and Gibbs before, that they are tough characters, and are well known to the police of Tacoma and Seattle. Both Alfred and Gibbs, after the train was stopped, and they had been ordered back into the baggage car by the hold-up men, went through the smoker, day coach and tourist cars asking for contributions. They said they had been held up and wanted money to get to Spokane. Many people took them for members of the gang who were dynamiting the express car, and gave up their money. Alfred and Gibbs then went into the smoker. They said they were afraid of being held up and did not know what to do with the money collected.

Sheriff Smith, of Ballard, has little hope of securing the bandits. From his knowledge of the country and information received, he is convinced that the bandits made their escape in a boat which had been previously stationed near the scene.

RIOTOUS YALE MEN.

New Haven, Ct., Oct. 10.—Several freshmen of Yale will be arrested tomorrow, it is said, on charges of breach of the peace and disorderly conduct, as the result of wild pranks which they carried out last night in the vicinity of Pierson Hall, the freshman stronghold of the college settlement.

They jumped on and ran trolley cars, drove a policeman from the beat and frightened several women almost into hysterics. Blank cartridges were shot off, and buckets of water and bundles of paper on fire were thrown from rooms in the third and fourth floors of Pierson Hall on the heads of pedestrians. For nearly two hours they blocked York street and allowed nothing but trolley cars to go through, and these on an irregular schedule.

Complaint was made and warrants have been drawn for the arrest of several of the alleged leaders of the disturbance. A squad of six policemen rushed to Pierson Hall to quell the boisterous outbreak. They tried to get into the building to make arrests, but the lock was sprung. A policeman pushed his billy through the big glass front door and crawled through. He let in the other policemen, and then every light in the building went out. The police could get no information in the darkened building. President Hadley will investigate tomorrow.

MARRIAGE WHIMS.

The Romans were very superstitious about marrying in May and February. The 14th has always been considered in England as peculiarly unlucky for brides. Why, tradition says not. In the Orkney Isles the bride selects the evening for her wedding, when there is a full moon and a flowing tide. In Scotland, if the bride's year is considered lucky, the bride's prospects in life are supposed to be brilliant. Sunday is a great favorite with brides in some parts of England and Ireland. The French demoiselle, however, thinks the first Friday in the month particularly fortunate for her nuptials. In Sweden the bride, on her way back from church has pieces of bread in her pockets. These she throws away on her road to her home to insure good luck. It is ill-fortune to the one that picks up these crumbs. If the bride lose her slipper on her way to church she will lose her troubles; and the one that picks it up will gain riches. In every country it is an unhappy omen for the wedding day to be put off, and if the day is fixed, and in England it is believed great misfortunes will ensue if the bridegroom stand, if only for a moment, at the junction of cross roads on his wedding morn. In England, also, it is thought a sign of bad luck if the bride fails to shed tears on her wedding morn, or if she turns to take a last look at herself in her wedding toilet. Among the English lasses it is had luck for a bride to look back or go back when once she has started for church, or to marry dressed in green, or to let the ceremony go on while there is an open grave in the churchyard.

When the bridesmaids undress the bride they must be sure to throw away all the pins; to make sure of good luck to themselves as well as for her. If a single pin be left in the bride's raiment, woe unto her. And if a bridesmaid should keep one of them, she will not be married before Whitsuntide or the Easter following. Therefore bridesmaids in England are not given to preserving the pins from the bridal costumes. If the must go up the stairs to the land the must go up stream, and the bride to make certain of good luck, must on the happy day wear "Something old and something new, something gold and something blue." If she sees a strange cat that day she will take it as an omen that she is to be very happy; and if on the morning of her wedding day she steps from her bed on something higher still, she will rise in the world from the time of her marriage. To make sure of this, the maiden has a chair and a table at her bedside, and steps from one to the other on rising from her slumbers on her wedding morn. On leaving her home and on starting from the church to return, she is very careful to step out with her right foot first, and is careful not to address her husband after they are wed without first calling him by his full name. The breaking of the wedding ring is a sign that the wearer will soon be a widow.

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