

PRAYED LONG FOR IDEAL WIFE.

Gospel Singer Alexander Tells of Romance.

Toronto, Feb. 8.—The life story of Charles M. Alexander, the famous gospel singer and associate of Dr. Torrey, has been singularly romantic. He was born in a humble home amid the hills of Tennessee, and little dreamed as he drove the cows home in the waning twilight, singing gospel hymns as he went along the dusty road, that he would one day become the most famous gospel singer and conductor in the world.

He was literally cradled in gospel song. His father purchased the first book of gospel hymns issued by P. Bliss, when Moody and Shaukey were doing their great work; and one of Mr. Alexander's earliest memories is the hearing of his mother singing gospel songs as she went about her household work. At nine years of age, Mr. Alexander used to start the singing in the little country school-house, where he attended Sunday School.

As a boy his ambition was to conduct great secular musical festivals, like Gilmore, but, through the death of his father, he was led to give his life to God, and determined to give his life to winning men for Christ through the medium of gospel songs.

During his four years' revival tour of the world with Dr. Torrey, Mr. Alexander's choruses were, without doubt, the largest choruses ever organized. In Liverpool the choir numbered 3,659 members, while in each of the three centres of the London campaign the membership was over 4,000. Even in Melbourne, Australia, Mr. Alexander's choir numbered 1,250 voices.

As a choir leader he is without a peer. After watching Mr. Alexander at the Royal Albert Hall, the editor of The London Daily Mirror declared that he had seen all the leading conductors of Great Britain and the continent, but that he had never seen the equal of this young American evangelist.

The most romantic event of Mr. Alexander's life occurred during the great revival campaign conducted by Dr. Torrey and himself in Birmingham, when 7,700 persons professed conversion in a single month. It came about through his sudden engagement to Miss Helen Cadbury, daughter of the late Richard Cadbury, the famous philanthropist and millionaire cocoa manufacturer. The Cadburys, who are Quakers, are leaders in the religious life of Birmingham. They took an active part in the Torrey-Alexander revival and it was through seeing Miss Cadbury at one of these revivals that Mr. Alexander immediately fell in love with her, although he did not know who she was. It was a case of love at first sight, but he believes that it was also a remarkable case of answered prayer.

One day Mr. Alexander told me the details of the romance, and they were so interesting and helpful that I urged him to allow me to publish them. He hesitated much at first, but when I pressed him to give me the story in order that it might inspire others to have fresh faith in God in regard to this important crisis in life, he at last consented. For if there was one thing more than another that Mr. Alexander longs to do it is to help the people. In giving me the story, the gospel singer said: "It is true that for years I longed for a wife that would have perfect sympathy with me in my work—a woman who would go into all kinds of society, and who would love the poor, the drunkard, and those who were away down in sin, a soul winner, and a real helpmate in my work. I had always rather reserved the right in my mind to choose my own wife, though, of course, I wanted the Lord as a second partner. I had decided that my wife must have this, and that, and the other qualities of mind and heart, but I was never able to find one who combined all the desired qualifications. Finally, during the Christmas season of 1903, which I was spending alone in London, far away from my own family, feeling rather lonesome, I began to ponder over my life. I fell upon my knees and re-consecrated myself to God. I told the Lord that I would leave the whole thing entirely in his hands. I wanted him to choose my wife, and I trusted that he would give me one that would most help me to glorify him. I never dreamt it would be done so quickly, and never thought of Birmingham as the place that I would find my wife.

A few days later—in January, 1904—we began a campaign in that great city. One afternoon, as I got up to conduct the singing in Bingley Hall, I noticed a young lady sitting in one of the platform seats, and immediately a feeling came over me that there was the answer to my prayer. I did not know who she was, but I observed her closely and grew to love her, for I saw that she was seeking the salvation of souls. I noticed in the after meetings that she usually went down to the back of the hall, and was not afraid to stay late and work long and earnestly, sometimes most wretched looking and poorly clad women and girls. The more I saw of her, the more I was convinced that, as far as I was concerned, she was my choice, though I was still asking the Lord earnestly to take everything into his own hands. Later I learned that all the time she had been drawn towards me, although she did not show it by any of her actions, and had not spoken of it to anyone.

"I had noticed a silver haired lady with her, evidently her mother, and one day early in the campaign this lady gave me an invitation to spend my rest day at her home. I accepted and after she was gone I turned to someone and asked who was the lady.

"Why, that is Mrs. Richard Cadbury," I was told. "This was a surprise, as I had already met and visited the home of some of her relations. It was not until the last rest day of the campaign that I, with several others of the workers, was entertained at Uffington, their home. Strangely enough, and quite unknown to each other, my future wife and I were praying earnestly that same Friday night for the Lord's guidance in this great matter. Each of us had a hard battle to fight with our own self will, but each finally surrendered to the Lord, to have or not to have, as He should will.

"It was not until two days after the revival campaign had closed that I spoke a word to Miss Cadbury about it and then—why, it was all settled in a few minutes. We were on our knees almost as soon as I had spoken to her, thanking the Lord for bringing us together, and for the wonderful joy, which we took as a gift direct from him.

Shortly after the Birmingham campaign ended, the engagement of Mr. Alexander and Miss Cadbury was announced. Their marriage took place in the following July, at the Friends' meeting house in Birmingham. The Cadburys are Quakers, and the ceremony was performed according to the simple methods prescribed by the Friends' ordinance. Although the ceremony was so simple, the gathering was distinguished, many of the foremost religious leaders of Great Britain being present, together with some of the nobility. It is said that on only two occasions during the city's history—one of which was the death of the bride's father—had such throngs assembled to witness any public event. The streets were so packed with eager and interesting spectators that it was with difficulty that the procession moved through the surging mass.

Although Mrs. Alexander had been reared in the midst of luxury and wealth, since her marriage to Mr. Alexander, she has thrown herself, heart and soul, into her husband's revival work. When attending the revival meetings, she may be seen almost nightly pleading with some woman to give her heart to God. So earnest is she that I have seen her doing personal work when the lights were being turned out by the janitor and almost everyone else had left the auditorium.

Even before her marriage Miss Cadbury was intensely interested in Christian work. For years she taught a class of young women who were training to become Sunday School teachers. On Sunday evening she conducted a gospel service for children at an institute in the slums erected by her father. She also conducted a working girls' club which had a membership of over fifty and met weekly. The meeting opened with prayer and a gospel hymn and their main object was to win the girls to Christ. Miss Cadbury frequently invited them to her home, and doubtless many lives were transformed by the sympathetic interest of the young woman of wealth and culture in her less fortunate pupils.

False Bay on the Alaskan coast.

The Marie Chan encountered her first difficulty about 400 miles off Cape Flattery, when she sprang a leak.

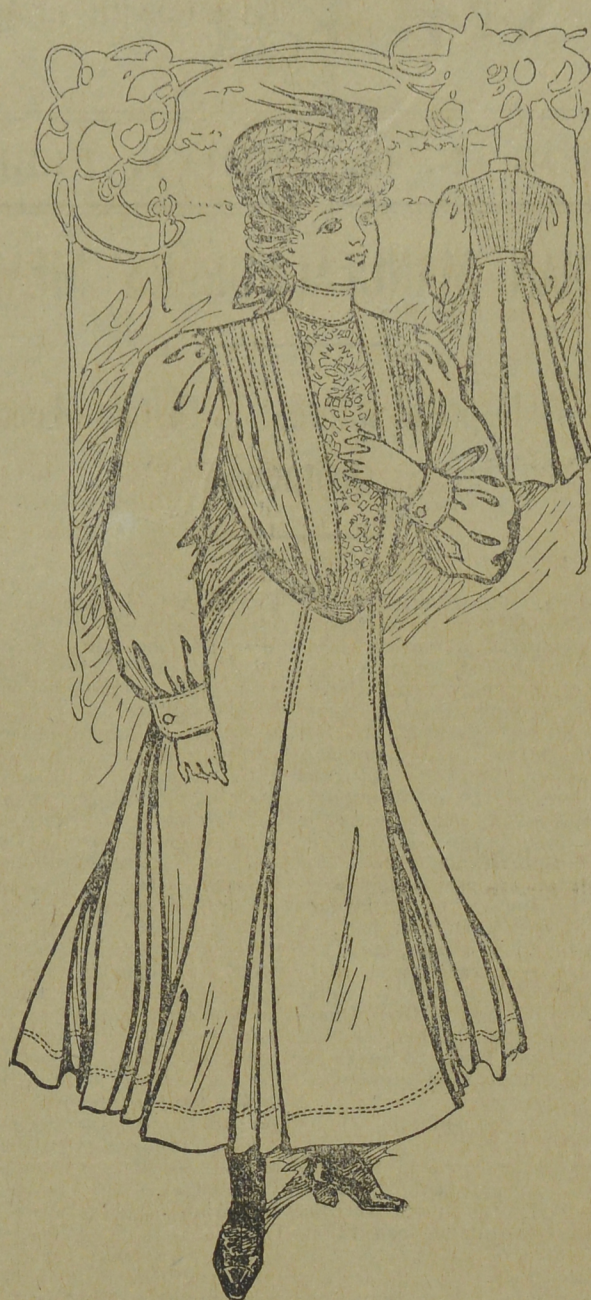
The pumps were interrupted by clogging, and for days the ship drifted, while the crew worked night and day with hand buckets to keep her afloat.

From December 25 to January 26, work was kept up and the engineers were soon able to use the upper boilers. But small headway was made and the awnings were sewed together into a large sail. This gave almost enough headway for steering room, but not sufficient to keep the ship from striking in the Chatham Straits in a northwest gale. Thirty-nine members of the crew succeeded in making the shore, where they lay for four days almost perished in the cold and were finally rescued by the Georgia and taken to Juneau.

From there the refugees were brought to this city where they were not allowed to land. Last night they left Port Townsend on the steamer Dolde.

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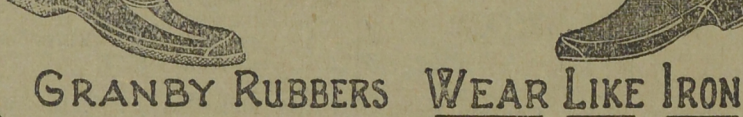
THE SCHOOLGIRL'S FROCK.

Attractive, indeed, are the frocks for the schoolgirl, with her immature figure, which the stores are showing in the ready-made wear departments at very reasonable prices. The illustration gives a simple but effective idea for the use of the fashionable mohairs, serges and like fabrics so admirable for the rather hard wear in the schoolroom. In this instance created the necessity for a suitable outer tily with ecru allover lace, used in the form of a vest, which runs from neck to belt in the little-pleated waist drawn into the narrow belt of velvet in the same shade as the mohair. The sleeve is the regulation shirtwaist model, the cuff fastening with a medium-sized gilt button. The skirt is one of those inverted pleated models stitched a short way down on the hips, from which point it falls out gracefully to the ankles. The machine stitchings throughout are in a heavy brown silk.



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THE WATER QUESTION.

St. John Telegraph.—The Herald is right in saying Fredericton needs a filtration system, and wise in recommending that the aldermen go on record with respect to the plan before election day. The progressive element which has carried the sewerage proposal, may be able to get pure water as well, and the effort to get it is entitled to public support. Fredericton is a city too fine and too fortunate to stop half way in this matter.

There is much outside interest in the improvements, interest dictated by a desire to see the capital freed from conditions which lead to well founded reproaches from its own newspapers and not a few of its own citizens. Fredericton is growing rapidly. Its citizens—or some of them—already pay excessive taxes. There is a cry for assessment reform, and it is necessary, no doubt. But the proposed investment for sewerage and water will be found one, and the cost is not very great.

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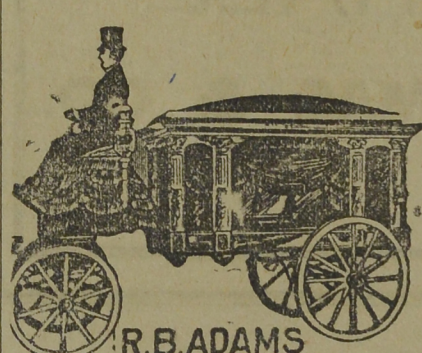
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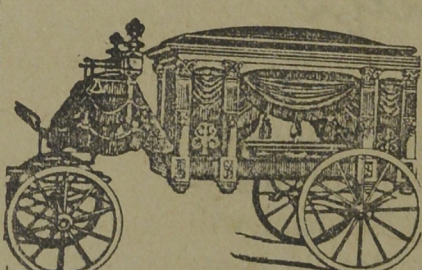
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