

Toronto Laymen will Endeavor to Unique Gathering--Toronto Business Men Pledge themselves for Amount.

A half million dollars for missions. A representative gathering of Toronto business men on Saturday afternoon not only expressed the opinion that the Protestant Churches of that city should increase their contributions for home and foreign missionary purposes from about \$140,000 to \$500,000 a year, but they pledged themselves to see the thing done during the ensuing ecclesiastical year. This is said to be the highest thing in missions ever attempted in this country, if not indeed on this continent.

The meeting was held in the school room of St. James' Cathedral. It was representative alike in numbers and in quality of the Anglicans, Presbyterians, Methodists, and Congregationalists of Toronto. It was held under the auspices of the local committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. All classes were represented, and those who know the situation admitted that for no purpose could a more thoroughly typical gathering of the strength and aggressiveness of the men of Toronto be secured.

LAYMEN AND MISSIONS.

Mr. N. W. Rowell, K. C., who presided, explained the object of the meeting. The Laymen's Missionary Movement of the United States and Canada, organized in New York, scarcely a year ago and launched in Toronto in May last is a systematic and general undertaking on the part of the men of the Churches at home to project the faith and life of vital Christianity to the outmost bounds of the heathen and pagan world with in a generation. He explained that in Canada this movement includes church establishment and extension in the pioneer settlements of Canada as well as missionary enterprise and evangelization in non-Christian lands in non-Christian lands. He further explained that this movement is in no sense a substitute for regular mission boards, that it administers no funds and sends out no missionaries, but is simply and wholly an aid and a supplement to the authorized agencies of the Churches. It is interdenominational in its effort and inspiration, but it is strictly denominational in its official administration and missionary operation. This meeting on Saturday, he said, was called by the local committee to lay the whole situation before the laymen of the city, to take counsel as to what ought to be done in Toronto, and to devise means for the doing of it.

OBLIGATIONS OF LAYMEN.

Mr. J. Campbell White of New York, the General Secretary of the international movement, spoke at some length on the missionary problem as it now presents itself to the Churches of America, the maturing significance and strategic character of the present decade in the world's history and the obligations and opportunities of the laymen of today in relation to movements affecting world-politics and world-peace for all coming generations. "For ten years," he said, "I lived in Calcutta, and many a time then and during ten years since did I, an American subject, thank God for British Rule in India. At that time, and even more today, the stupendous, the immeasurably critical problem of British supremacy in that vast empire is made hopeful, not by Britain's military power or government prestige, but because in all those provinces there are groups and colonies of native Christians who have accepted the faith and imbued the life that made Britain great and free. The loyalty of India and the very life of Anglo-Saxon citizens there—British Governors and diplomats being witnesses—are bound up in the schools and colleges and hospitals and chapels and evangelizing agencies of Christian missions."

AWAKENING OF CHINA AND JAPAN.

Similarly Mr. White dealt with

the awakening of China and the sudden emergence of Japan into a world-power of the first magnitude. He then presented in a business-like but very compelling way the statistics of the missionary problem. Last year's total gifts amounted to \$21,280,000. Of this nearly \$9,000,000 was given by Great Britain and an almost equal amount by the United States and Canada. The work has grown enormously and the workers have greatly increased in numbers, but allowing only one man and one woman to superintend the missionary work for 50,000 of the heathen would require a mission force of 40,000. There are at present only 12,919 missionaries in the field. A staff of four times that number is needed to make the Gospel known and establish Christian institutions throughout the non-Christian world. Although 325,000,000 of people could now be reached were one missionary allowed for every 25,000, yet there would remain beyond reach of the present staff 675,000,000. If one-half of the undone task is the share of the American continent, Canada should hold herself responsible for one-twelfth of that share, calling for a staff of 888 missionaries and a revenue at least fourfold that of today.

Toronto's ecclesiastical statistics for the five denominations named showed last year: membership, 57,585; spent on church support in the city \$836,963; spent on home missions, \$41,702. The Protestants of Toronto averaged per church member \$1.67 for mission work in Canada and 77 cents for foreign missions last year. At the close of Mr. White's address the chairman announced that during the past year the Anglicans, Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists and Congregationalists of Toronto gave for home and foreign missions through their regular denominational channels slightly over \$140,000, and for regular church maintenance within the city over \$800,000. He put it to the laymen whether that represented either the ability or the responsibility of their congregations in the gigantic task of world-wide evangelization.

After enthusiastic speeches from several prominent gentlemen in support of the proposition, a motion of Mr. Justice MacLaren was considered. The motion was "that this meeting of laymen of the different churches of Toronto is of the opinion that in this city should be raised for missions during the coming year at least the sum of \$600,000, and we would strongly appeal to the Christian people of the city to contribute that amount to the mission funds of their respective churches."

The sum of \$300,000 was suggested, but Hon. S. H. Blake pleaded for the higher standard as being not only within reach, but also the least to be named as Toronto's share. Mr. Justice MacLaren believed it could be done, and, if the men of the churches appreciated the needs and the chances it would be done. Mr. Findlay said that the idea had grown on him since the Laymen's Movement was inaugurated a few months ago, and he had resolved not only to double his contribution but to increase it five fold.

After discussion the resolution was unanimously adopted. On motion of Mr. Frank E. Hodgins, K. C., a committee was charged with the appointment of a large executive to devise a plan of campaign and to co-operate with the agencies in the various congregations in carrying into effect the proposal to make a half-million the standard of Toronto's missionary contribution. This nominating committee is composed of N. W. Hoyle, L. L. D., K. C., and F. E. Hodgins, K. C., for the Anglicans; S. J. Moore and T. S. Shenstone, for the Baptists; J. McD. Hay, for the Congregationalists; Justice MacLaren and N. W. Rowell, K. C., for the Methodists, and John Mackay and Matthew Parkinson, for the Presbyterians.

LINCOLN.

Nov. 11.—A wedding which has been looked forward to with interest for sometime, took place in the Methodist church Thursday evening, when Miss Clara Smith, daughter of Mr. Fred Smith, was united in marriage to Mr. George Dingee of Gagetown. The bride looked charming in cream cashmere with veil and wreath of orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of white carnations. They were attended by Miss Dingee and Mr. Allan Dingee, sister and brother of the groom. The ceremony was performed by Mr. Berrie of Gibson, and after the ceremony the happy couple drove to the home of the bride where luncheon was served, only the immediate relatives and friends of both parties being present.

The next morning they took the train for Halifax amid showers of rice and congratulations. The bride's going away dress was brown broadcloth, seal coat with mink fur trimmings and fur hat to match. The presents were numerous and costly, showing the popularity of both parties.

The water in the river is rising very fast, the wharf at Wilnot's, being under water, which makes it very inconvenient for people going to the city in the steamer Hampstead.

Miss Ruby True entertained a number of little friends on her 6th birthday, last week, Miss Stella

Nevers and Madeline Johnson being the successful prize winners.

Mrs. Duff Mitchell has been spending the week in Fredericton, the guest of Mrs. Hale.

Mrs. Campbell of Arlington, Mass., is here attending the wedding of her sister, Miss Clara Smith; also Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tracey, of Fredericton Junction.

Edwin aged three, who fondled his small cat overmuch and unwisely, appeared before his mother one day, his little face guiltily pained and a scratch upon his hand.

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But one day that blessed nurse from Sweden brought me a bowl of fruit soup.

The Mohammedan paradise holds no joy equal to the taste of it. I rejoiced that Sweden woman into giving me the recipe.

Fruit Soup.—Stew together a handful each of dried apples, pears, cherries, raisins, prunes and currants. When done add water to make a gallon, sweeten to taste and add two table-spoonfuls of vinegar. Thicken with potato flour or with oatmeal.

Potato flour, to be used for thickening and for puddings, is made as follows: Grate potatoes, soak in cold water, strain out all the potatoes first with a coarse sieve, then with a fine one, leaving the potato starch in the water. Rinse this in water after water, pouring off each one as long as there is any color in the water. Finally, having poured off the last water, let the starch cake and take out and dry on cloths.—Kansas City Star.

CULINARY CONCEITS.

Pumpkins are much better when steamed than when boiled.

Potato salad is much more savory if mixed with the salad dressing while hot and before serving.

Breadcrumbs should always be used for covering articles for frying, as cracker crumbs absorb the grease.

When making mustard add a tiny drop of salad oil to it while it is being mixed. It will greatly improve the flavor.

Carrots should be cut in slices instead of cubes, because the outside darker part is richer and better, and if cut in slices it is more equally distributed.

It's an excellent idea to pass grated American or Parmesan cheese with tomato sauce which is to be used on rice or macaroni or with such dishes cooked with tomatoes. Not every one likes the cheese mixture, but many do. By serving the cheese separately all are suited.

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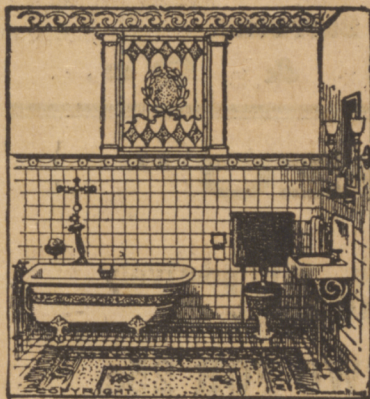
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