

Laymen's Convention in October Great Gathering of Church Workers

A Sort of Institute of Missions— Objects of Meetings, Educational and Inspirational.

Important meetings at central places in connection with the laymen's missionary movement, are now being held from the Pacific to the Atlantic. A similar gathering will be held at London for three days, namely, Oct. 28, 29 and 30. These meetings will be reinforced by the Sunday services on the Sunday preceding, it being understood that all the participants will take part in the subsequent meetings.

These combined meetings will together constitute what might be described as a sort of institute of missions, giving both information and inspiration. Mr. J. Campbell White, perhaps the greatest expert in the movement, will be present, together with other prominent speakers, and it is expected that four or five returned missionaries, representing the various denominations, will also take part.

No Funds To Be Solicited.
At these meetings no funds for missionary purposes will be solicited; that will be done later by each denomination in its own field and way—the main objects of these meetings being, as already stated, educative and inspirational.

London has been made the central gathering place for practically the whole of Western Ontario, from as west of a line drawn between Hamilton and London, extending to the St. Clair River. To arrange and organize for so important a gathering is a task requiring much work, adequate financial provision, and constant attention to detail. It must be much so in its own way as the handling of a Western Fair.

The Committee.

The central committee at London comprises representatives, as follows, of various denominations: Anglican—J. K. H. Pope, O. H. Talbot, E. A. Gibson, F. W. W. Raymond, W. J. Garside. Presbyterian—John Cameron, A. McQueen, C. R. Somerville, Neil McNeil. Methodist—T. B. Scott, J. H. Chapman, C. E. Keenleyside, R. J. Webster, C. E. German. Baptist—C. W. A. Woodbriar, A. Jackson, A. J. Morgan, John Holman, J. B. Campbell. Congregational—F. W. Robins, Wilfred Claris. Christian—Gordon Gleason. Christian Workers—H. E. Wilson.

The Secretary.

The services of Mr. D. A. McDermid, 244 Dundas street, have been secured in the capacity of office secretary. From him information can, from time to time, be obtained, and through him on behalf of the joint committee, the general invitations will be issued. In addition, each denominational section will take various means of further reaching their own people and securing the large attendance desired. The movement as a whole is one of the grandest, most unselfish and most remarkable of modern times. It is, at least, the preaching of the Gospel to forty millions of non-Christians, the sending out of four additional missionaries to every one now in the foreign field, with the corresponding financial obligation. The church has now the requisite material for supplying the workers and the funds, and the full power and glory of the church, both at home and abroad, can only come when this work is done in the spirit of faith and love.

Local Items

—Paul C. Robinson, of Port Stanley, has been appointed a fishery officer in the Canadian fisheries protection service, with the rank of master mariner. Ninth Division Court.

A session of the ninth division court was held by His Honor Judge Elliott this morning.

Playgrounds Dismantled.
The apparatus installed in Park's Flats by the Playgrounds' Association has been removed for the season owing to the advent of cold weather.

Water Pressure.
The water pressure is good today, between 50 and 60 pounds being registered at the city hall. There are 13 feet 4 inches of water in the reservoir.

The Mole Fund.
The Mole fund has reached the sum of \$31. Of this amount Rev. Dr. Ross subscribed \$10, Joseph Lawrence \$10, Col. W. M. Garthshore \$10, and Knapp-Breed \$1.

Housecleaning.
A large force of prisoners from the jail have been carried through a thorough housecleaning of the court house and county buildings, to the great improvement of the latter in more senses than one.

Burial of Mrs. Ash.
The remains of the late Mrs. Ash, who died in this city on Saturday, and who was the mother of Mr. D. M. Ash, of West Lorne, were taken to that village on the Pere Marquette train yesterday, interment being made in Evergreen Cemetery, West Lorne.

Very Sudden Death.
The death occurred very suddenly in Clinton today of Mr. Wm. Rattenbury, son of Mr. Joseph Rattenbury, one of the best-known residents of that place. The young man was only 23 years of age, and died from heart failure. He was employed in the Molsons Bank there, and was a nephew of Mr. George T. Hiscox, of this city.

Broke a Shaft.
While rounding the corner of Wellington street this morning, the horse attached to the mail-collecting wagon slipped and fell, breaking the shaft. The mail had to be held up until another rig was secured. The horse was uninjured.

Goes to Manitoulin.
A number of the friends of Miss E. Weingarten met at her home, 22 Cartwright street, last evening, and presented her with a handsome clock, prior to her departure for Manitoulin Island. Several speeches were made, and a pleasant evening was had.

"What Happened Then?"
De Wolf Hopper and his big company are in the city and will appear at the Grand tonight. Some one at the "Tecosah" went to ask what Hopper is to appear in, "What Happened Then?" was the reply. "Oh," said another man, deeming it an interrogation, "Casey" went to bat. The company arrived here from Kingston in their own train of four special cars, a Pullman day coach and two cars of scenery.

Dick-Stratton.
At Stratton on Monday Miss Annie Stratton was united in marriage to Rev. David Dick, B. D., of Calgary, Alta., formerly pastor of the Stratton Baptist Church. The ceremony was conducted at the residence of the bride's uncle, Mr. David Evans, by Rev. H. C. Priest, B. A., pastor of the Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Dick at once left for their new home in Calgary.

Boys' Guild Grateful.
The Boys' Guild of the First Congregational Church a few days ago presented their pastor, Rev. D. S. Hamilton, with a fine silk umbrella, as a token of gratitude for his kindness in connection with their pleasant camping outing at Port Stanley last month. The gift was accompanied by a nicely worded address, explaining the appreciation of the boys and signed on behalf of the guild by Walter T. Stevens, Wilson Wright and Arthur Robins.

EAST END NOTES.
Messrs. F. T. Harding, of 743 King street, Wade and McLaughlin, have left on a trip to the Pacific coast. They will visit Vancouver, Seattle and San Francisco.

Messrs. Nelson Miles, Milton Miles, Alf Wort, Wm. Summers and Fred Mitchell took an auto trip to Woodstock Sunday.

A meeting of the Anglican Women's People's Association was held in St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, East London, last evening, and it was decided to hold a bazaar on Nov. 24, the funds raised to be applied to the church debt. The young people will also decorate the church on Sunday, Oct. 11, for the harvest festival services. The officers of the A. Y. P. A. will be elected in November.

McQUILLAN-MOCKLER.
A pretty wedding in East London yesterday.

A harvest home festival and concert was held at Chelsea Green last evening, the church being prettily decorated with fruit, vegetables and grain, the products of the "Green." An excellent programme was provided to a large and pleased audience.

Selections by the choir, readings by Miss Clelland, Miss Selery, and Mr. Patterson; solos by Miss Weston, Porteous and Mr. Patterson and Mr. Baty; duets by the Misses Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell; addresses by Mr. J. M. Gunn and Rev. Mr. Rollins. Col. Gattshore was chairman.

WATER PRESSURE IN THE EAST END.
Residents Now Feel Greatly Relieved and Are Not in Fear of Fires.

The rains have increased the water pressure in the east end greatly, 65 pounds being registered in the east end fire hall last evening, and over 55 pounds this morning.

For a time the stores along Dundas street were without water, and it was practically impossible to get the pressure up to the second story. Fifty-five to 65 pounds is the regular pressure in that district, and the residents have ceased to worry over the danger of fires. Nevertheless all believe in "releasing the water supply as soon as possible."

PERSONAL MENTION.
Mrs. John M. Daly, 360 Princess avenue, will receive on the first and third Fridays of each month.

Dr. Henderson, Government veterinary inspector, who was injured in a railway wreck last May in the Province of Saskatchewan, has reported for duty and is leaving for Regina this evening.

Mr. Fred Creighton, of this city, is visiting friends in Chatham.

Mrs. Young, of this city, is visiting her daughter, Deaconess Young, at Chatham.

Mrs. C. Duncan, who has been spending a month with an uncle in London, left yesterday afternoon on the Huronic for her home in Winnipeg.

Rev. J. W. Hoyt, of the Centre Street Baptist Church, St. Thomas, who is well known here, has declined the call which he received from the Baptist Church at Owasco, Michigan, and will retain his present pastorate.

M. D'S. ON STRIKE.
Worthy Swiss Citizens Work the Doctors to Death.

London, Sept. 29.—Another attempt at municipal Socialism has gone wrong at Bellinzona, in the Swiss canton of Ticino, and as a consequence the sick of that town are having a pretty bad time as the municipal doctors have gone out on strike.

Curing the sick has been for some time a municipal enterprise, doctors receiving fixed salaries ranging from \$600 to \$1,000 annually, in return for which they were to render assistance gratis to all classes of society without distinction. A special tax was levied to pay the salaries.

This plan has been found to be unworkable in practice at all events from the doctors' point of view. As there were no doctors' bills to fear, the worthy citizens of Bellinzona worked their medical men to death, calling them in for the most trivial complaints. It became a custom for revellers staggering home at night to ring up the doctor and make him

prescribe a pick-me-up. Or else, they argued, what did they pay the doctors' tax for?

The long suffering doctors' patience is now exhausted and they demand a smaller salary, but with the right to charge an extra fee from patients. And until the municipality gives in the sick must remain unattended.

PREMIER AT OTTAWA TOURS AGAIN MONDAY

Ottawa, Sept. 29.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who returned to the capital this morning, will spend the rest of the week here, with the exception of a few hours to be spent at campaign meetings in Cornwall and Russell on Wednesday and Thursday, respectively. On Monday Sir Wilfrid will go to his own constituency, and his Quebec itinerary will be arranged from the ancient capital.

THE KLONDIKE OUTPUT

The Gold Harvest This Year More Than Two Millions of Dollars.

Dawson, Sept. 29.—The Klondike's output this year will be increased \$2,000,000 over that of last year, making a total of \$5,000,000 this year. The increase is due to the installation of new dredges, electric conveyors, and by hydraulic plants. The output will be greatly increased next year and the Klondike will soon be yielding by a big profit as compared with its former status. The only difference is that the corporation is getting the bulk of the gold instead of the individual miners, yet many individuals are still employed.

The upper Yukon River is in first-class condition for travel, and there is every indication that passengers leaving for Seattle as late as Sept. 25 will be able to reach Dawson without trouble.

SHOT HERSELF IN HEAD

Shortly After Attempt at Suicide Son Was Born.

Welland, Ont., Sept. 28.—Carmela Barsella, aged 20 years, yesterday at noon shot herself in the head with a 32-calibre revolver. Twenty minutes later she gave birth to a son. The young woman, who left Italy about three months ago on being deceived by a lover, was left alone at the house on Cordage Row, where she boarded with her father and brother. Breaking open a trunk she got the weapon, and attempted to enter her life. The bullet is lodged in her neck and the doctors now think it may not be necessary to extract it. The woman will recover and the child is strong and healthy.

A \$135,000,000 CROP

An Estimate Made by Traffic Manager of the C. P. R.

Montreal, Sept. 29.—W. R. MacInnes, freight traffic manager of the C. P. R., returned to headquarters today after a prolonged trip over the company's lines and connections through the West. Mr. MacInnes comes with the first crop estimate, based upon the actual proceeds of the harvest. The wheat estimate he gives as 6,000,000 bushels at 18 bushels to the acre, 108,000,000 bushels; oats, 2,600,000 acres at 35 bushels to the acre, 91,000,000 bushels; barley, 850,000 acres, at 28 bushels to the acre, 23,800,000 bushels. The value of this yield to the country, Mr. MacInnes places at \$135,000,000.

The wheat and grain harvest has been entirely satisfactory, Mr. MacInnes says that the receipts at the elevators west of Winnipeg on the lines of the C. P. R. and Canadian Northern are thousands of carloads of wheat per day, and this is being moved down to Port William and Port Arthur just as fast as the railways can handle it.

BY NEW YEAR'S DAY

Grand Trunk Pacific Will Be Running Into Edmonton.

Ottawa, Sept. 28.—The Grand Trunk Pacific will be running its trains into Edmonton by New Year's Day. That is the statement made by Mr. Collingwood Schreiber, C. M. G., consulting engineer, the Dominion Government, who returned to Ottawa today, after a trip over the line of the western section of the new Transcontinental Railway.

Mr. Schreiber went up the Skeena River for 100 miles from Prince Rupert, and inspected the work being done by Foley, Welch & Stewart. They have between 1,000 and 1,500 men at work, and they are pushing the work at great speed. Returning to Vancouver, Mr. Schreiber went up to Edmonton, and drove a considerable distance to the westward. There, also, good progress is being made with the grading. Back to Edmonton, he took the C. P. R. to Hardisty, and then drove as far as the Great Battle River bridge, where the Battle River, where twenty-one spans were found in position. The bridge over the North Saskatchewan was also well advanced, six spans being in place.

FIRE DANGER PAST.

Malone, N. Y., Sept. 29.—The great danger from forest fires which has existed throughout the Adirondacks for many days, was passed last night, when a heavy rain, continuing for three hours, brought relief. The fires were not all extinguished, but they are not feared.

LATEST STOCK MARKET REPORTS

(Special from Harris, Whitworth & Co., to H. C. Beecher.)

New York, Sept. 29.—The dominating feature today has been

Strong's Selected Spices

The spices in your canning and pickling recipes are there for a definite purpose. They are intended to blend and produce a delicate, appetizing flavor. But they don't always do it. Why? Because they are not pure. The spices we sell are guaranteed absolutely pure.

Strong's Drug Store

184 DUNDAS STREET.
Strong's Baking Powder—Made by us, used by everybody. Call and get one of our new Cook Books, FREE to housekeepers.

fullness, with a heavy tendency to the active issues. Continued ease of money will militate against any decline. Sales to noon, 272,100.

NEW YORK.
Reported by C. N. Spencer, Stockbroker, Market Lane, for The Advertiser.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Amalgamated	73 1/2	73 3/4	73 1/2	73 3/4
American Sugar	46	46 1/4	46	46 1/4
Amer. Locomotive	48 1/2	48 3/4	48 1/2	48 3/4
Amer. Foundry	48 1/2	48 3/4	48 1/2	48 3/4
Amer. Cotton	48 1/2	48 3/4	48 1/2	48 3/4
Atchafalpa	48 1/2	48 3/4	48 1/2	48 3/4
Baltimore & Ohio	48 1/2	48 3/4	48 1/2	48 3/4
Brooklyn Transit	48 1/2	48 3/4	48 1/2	48 3/4
Canadian Pacific	174 1/2	175 1/4	174 1/2	175 1/4
Chesapeake & Ohio	40	40 1/4	40	40 1/4
Chicago & N. W.	75 1/2	75 3/4	75 1/2	75 3/4
Chicago & P. & M.	35	35 1/4	35	35 1/4
Chicago & S. W.	127 1/2	127 3/4	127 1/2	127 3/4
Erie	29 1/2	29 3/4	29 1/2	29 3/4
Gen. S. & O.	42 1/2	42 3/4	42 1/2	42 3/4
G. N. Northern	130	130 1/4	130	130 1/4
Illinois Central	137 1/2	137 3/4	137 1/2	137 3/4
Kansas	20	20 1/4	20	20 1/4
Louisville & Nash.	104 1/2	104 3/4	104 1/2	104 3/4
Missouri Pacific	33	33 1/4	33	33 1/4
New York Central	102 1/2	102 3/4	102 1/2	102 3/4
Norfolk & Western	136 1/2	136 3/4	136 1/2	136 3/4
Norfolk Southern	83	83 1/4	83	83 1/4
Ontario & Western	40 1/2	40 3/4	40 1/2	40 3/4
Pennsylvania	121 1/2	121 3/4	121 1/2	121 3/4
People's Gas	128 1/2	128 3/4	128 1/2	128 3/4
Reading	194	194 1/4	194	194 1/4
Rock Island	194	194 1/4	194	194 1/4
Southern Ry.	103 1/2	103 3/4	103 1/2	103 3/4
Southern Pacific	103 1/2	103 3/4	103 1/2	103 3/4
St. Paul	132 1/2	132 3/4	132 1/2	132 3/4
Texas Pacific	104 1/2	104 3/4	104 1/2	104 3/4
Union Pacific	107 1/2	107 3/4	107 1/2	107 3/4
U. S. Steel	48 1/2	48 3/4	48 1/2	48 3/4
U. S. Steel pfd.	108 1/2	108 3/4	108 1/2	108 3/4
Wabash	25 1/2	25 3/4	25 1/2	25 3/4
Western Union	107 1/2	107 3/4	107 1/2	107 3/4

CHICAGO EXCHANGE.
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	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat	103	103 1/4	103	103 1/4
May	99 1/2	99 3/4	99 1/2	99 3/4
Dec	100 1/2	100 3/4	100 1/2	100 3/4
Corn	64 1/2	64 3/4	64 1/2	64 3/4
May	64 1/2	64 3/4	64 1/2	64 3/4
Dec	65 1/2	65 3/4	65 1/2	65 3/4
Oats	51 1/2	51 3/4	51 1/2	51 3/4
May	49 1/2	49 3/4	49 1/2	49 3/4
Dec	49 1/2	49 3/4	49 1/2	49 3/4
Pork	15 1/2	15 3/4	15 1/2	15 3/4
Oct	15 1/2	15 3/4	15 1/2	15 3/4
Jan	16 1/2	16 3/4	16 1/2	16 3/4
Lard	10 1/2	10 3/4	10 1/2	10 3/4
Oct	9 1/2	9 3/4	9 1/2	9 3/4
Jan	9 1/2	9 3/4	9 1/2	9 3/4
Oct	9 1/2	9 3/4	9 1/2	9 3/4
Jan	8 1/2	8 3/4	8 1/2	8 3/4

MONTREAL.
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Detroit Elec.	38	38	37 3/4
Dom. L. and S.	50 1/2	50 3/4	49 3/4
Dom. L. and S.	16 1/2	16 3/4	16 1/2
Dom. L. and S. pfd.	66	66	65
Hillman Trac.	87 1/2	87 3/4	87
Lake of Woods, com.	91	91 1/4	91
Laurentide, pfd.	110	110	109 1/2
Mahakay, com.	68 1/2	68 3/4	67 1/2
Mackay, pfd.	68 1/2	68 3/4	67 1/2
Mexican Power	77 1/2	77 3/4	77 1/2
Minn. and St. Paul	122 1/2	122 3/4	122 1/2
Montreal Power	102 1/2	102 3/4	101
Montreal Railway	154	154 1/4	153 1/2
N. S. Steel and Coal	51	51 1/4	50 3/4
Algville Mill, com.	10 1/2	10 3/4	10
R. and O. Nav.	74 1/2	74 3/4	73 1/2
Rio de Jan.	63	63 1/4	62 1/2
Toledo Railway	8	8 1/4	7 3/4
Toronto Railway	102	102 1/4	100 3/4
Twin City Railway	87	87 1/4	86 1/2
Shawinigan	77 1/2	77 3/4	77
Mexican, pfd.	109	109 1/4	108 1/2
East Town Bank	102	102 1/4	101 1/2
Imperial Bank	219	219 1/4	217 1/2
Merchants Bank	154	154 1/4	153 1/2
Norfolk & Western	136 1/2	136 3/4	135 1/2
Norfolk Southern	83	83 1/4	82 1/2
Bank of Nova Scotia	278 1/2	278 3/4	277 1/2
Royal Bank	213 1/2	213 3/4	213
Toronto Bank	210	210 1/4	209 1/2
Can. C. Cotton	4	4 1/4	4 1/2
Dom. Tex. Cot. pfd.	46	46 1/4	44 1/2
Montreal Cotton	100	100 1/4	100
Mell Tel. bonds	97	97 1/4	96 1/2
Dom. Cotton bonds	97	97 1/4	96 1/2
Dom. L. and S. bonds	76 1/2	76 3/4	76 1/2
Halifax Tram bonds	15	15 1/4	14 1/2
Lake of Woods bonds	107	107 1/4	106 1/2
N. S. S. and C. bonds	109	109 1/4	108 1/2
Nova Scotia bonds	104	104 1/4	103 1/2
Rio de Janeiro bonds	88 1/2	88 3/4	87 1/2
Sao Paulo bonds	85	85 1/4	84 1/2
Textile bonds A	87	87 1/4	86 1/2
Textile bonds B	87	87 1/4	86 1/2