

WHAT THE EVANGELISTS, SPEAKERS AND SINGERS, AND LOCAL CLERGYMEN SAY OF THE SERVICES NOW CLOSING

Outside Workers Greatly Pleased With the Success Which Has Attended Their Efforts in St. John ---People Seemed Eager to Take Part in the Meetings

REV. W. A. CAMERON.

"It has been a real pleasure for me to be associated with the people of this city for a three weeks' simultaneous evangelistic campaign. So far as I know this is the first time such a mission has been conducted in Eastern Canada. I shall leave St. John with a deepened conviction that this method is the only one by which an entire city can be reached.

"The feeling of unity among the pastors and evangelists has been one of the services. This has been due largely to the wise management of Dr. Cameron. We have been able to forget our differences and to join hands in carrying out the supreme mission of the Christian church.

"I cannot close without referring to the loyalty of the pastors and people of the Brussels street group. From the very outset they gave me their sym-



John is blessed with splendid churches, and with a magnificent set of ministers. I am confident that there is no city in the continent of the size of St. John with more strong churches, or with more cultured, competent leaders. The singing of the campaign has been unique and worth while. The great Saturday night concert under the leadership of Mr. Allen will never be forgotten.

We thought the papers did well with the great Chapman campaign, but the papers of St. John have certainly done even better comparatively than the Boston papers. The reports have been full and sympathetic, and several editorials have made themselves felt for the good of the campaign.

I personally shall not cease to thank God for having the privilege of having a part in this simultaneous evangelistic campaign in St. John.

MR. WILLIAM MATHESON.

"The City of St. John has had a great awakening and many people have given themselves to God. I am so

MR. A. N. PETERS.

For Belleville I must say that the church choir responded from the first night and gave its valiant support. Although the congregation as a whole were rather slow in getting enticed over singing, during the latter part of the campaign they certainly rallied



and surprised me, (and I suspect themselves) with the way they sang. As a singing congregation I will say that they have no peers anywhere.

AUBREY N. PETERS.

ORA SAMUEL GRAY.

I have been impressed from the first day I came to St. John with a splendid spirit of unity in all the churches and groups. There has apparently been no self-seeking, every church and minister has been given an equal voice in deciding the policy of the meetings. The management of the campaign under Duncan A. MacPhail of Boston has been superb. From the start he has had the confidence and prayers of all the evangelists and singers, and now that the campaign is closing we appreciate how worthy he is of such confidence. The slogan idea is a splendid one, by this means every part of the city is reached, and every church and minister has their part. It appears to me as being much more wholesome than the great central mass-meeting plan. I believe in keeping evangelism as close to the churches as possible. If men are converted in the churches it seems to me that they are more likely to be up with the churches than if the three weeks of the campaign were spent in some great skating rink, or hall. St

glad because I was born in the Provinces and I have long prayed for a great revival to sweep over Canada. The ministers of St. John are noble men of God, all united for this soul saving work. I am glad I had a part in this campaign, and to God we give glory for all blessing. For it is not by might nor by power, but by my spirit

CHAS. A. SYKES.

"St. John deserves credit for leading the way in Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaigns in Canada; other cities may copy her example. St. John has the honor and privilege of being first. The attendance at these meetings have certainly been marvelous. The daily press certainly deserves the highest praise. Other cities will without a doubt adopt similar methods.

"A great advantage of the campaign is the touching of the whole city at so many points at the same time, and the enlisting of so many religious denominations in a common effort, resulting in the development of the fraternal spirit amongst minister and churches. One cannot speak too highly of the spirit, reasonableness, and development of the evangelists in this campaign. Their appeal has been rational, sane, and modern. Great praise is due to Rev. Duncan A. MacPhail and the Evangelical Alliance for the excellent preparations that were made for this campaign, and for the close and watchful attention given to the work as it proceeded. The conversions at these meetings have been remarkable; in fact whole families have been converted."

Have you any criticism to offer? "I noticed that the musical leaders used exclusively the Alexander hymn book. In my opinion it is the greatest collection of milk and water hymns that I ever saw. There are some good hymns in it and there are some that are no good. I don't see why the evangelists should settle down to this

book exclusively when there are so many splendid hymns so far ahead of them. I think probably that the personality and individuality of the group meetings might have been maintained a little more thoroughly and consistently. Some were allowed to introduce a little on the others, giving one group a little advantage, but on the whole it was well arranged and I am certainly thankful for the opportunities while in this city."

MR. H. H. HARE.

Mr. Hare, who was associated with Dr. Winchester in St. Stephen's group, says: I find the people here a little more conservative than in other places, the congregations being a little slow at first to take hold of congregational singing, but after a couple of weeks



they became accustomed to the novelty and awakened up to it in earnest. The people in St. Stephen were just beginning to sing when we were forced to close down. Viewing the campaign from all standpoints, I think it has been a great success. The attendance has been large and the actual results unusually large for campaign meetings. I have thoroughly enjoyed my stay here. I have found everybody kind and hospitable and I will always remember my stay in St. John with a feeling of pleasure.

RESOLUTIONS.

We, the evangelists and singers associated in the St. John Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign, desire to express our appreciation of the excellent way in which Rev. Duncan A. MacPhail has conducted the business arrangements of this campaign. We can with- out reservation testify to his executive ability, his splendid judgment, his consecrated sense, his deep spirituality and his wonderful capacity for bringing things to pass, and we would congratulate any city that is so fortunate as to secure his services to arrange for, and to carry forward a similar campaign.

(Signed for the evangelists and singers),
M. S. REES.
C. F. ALLEN.

MR. NAFTZGER.

Mr. E. R. Natzger, associated with Dr. Sykes of the Centenary group, says: "I think the meetings have been a great success, if you are to judge by the large attendance which constantly increased. Another significant fact was the large numbers which attended the noon meetings. I found the St. John audiences a little slower to take hold of the hymns than in some other places, but when they once took hold I never had more loyal support. I found the men are better singers than the women. Of course the effect of these meetings cannot be judged by the large audiences or by the number who have expressed themselves. The final verdict will have to be rendered after we leave. I never met a better class of young men than here. The people of St. John don't appreciate the Y. M. C. A. as much as they might. I have visited I have found none better equipped than the one here. I can't speak too highly of the support I have received from the choir of the Centenary group. They have been most faithful to me, especially Miss Rea, the organist, who I can safely say is the best organist that I have ever had play for me. As long as I live I will cherish the fondest recollection of my stay here."

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

The church has been crowded, the singing has been enthusiastic, the sermons have been helpful and inspiring, the interest has steadily increased and many have signified their desire to begin the Christian life. As to the most important thing of all--lives permanently transformed--time alone can tell the story.

DAVID LANG.

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Local Clergymen Delighted with the Results Apparent to Date---One of the Greatest Campaigns Ever Undertaken--Slow at First but Fine when Under way

REV. A. B. COHOB.

Rev. A. B. Cohob, chairman of the Brussels street group, says: "It is a pleasure to be able to testify to the success of the campaign. For three weeks people of the city have crowded the various meetings and for three weeks the challenge of the Christian life has been the supreme thought in the minds of men and women. The attention of all the people has been



held in a way that would be quite impossible by the isolated endeavors of individual congregations.

A notable feature of the work in Brussels street group has been the absolute harmony that has prevailed. Denominational differences and congregational ambitions have been quite forgotten. The people have been sincerely united in a common effort.

Of the leadership of Rev. W. A. Cameron it would be impossible to speak too highly. He has gained and retained the confidence of the pastors and the people. Men who have not been accustomed to associate evangelistic zeal with intelligent mildness have received a new conception of the dignity and worth of the work of the evangelist. His appeals have been fervent and reasonable.

Many people have been reached during the meeting that, in itself would be an interesting and impressive story. Perhaps the most important result will be the renewing of evangelistic endeavor in the normal activities of the church. The pastors of the groups are emphatically of the opinion that the work has but begun and that because of the campaign the churches of the district will display greater zeal and intelligence in meeting the needs of the people.

REV. DAVID HUTCHINSON.

Rev. Mr. Hutchinson, chairman of the North End group, says: "I have no hesitation in saying that as far as the North End is concerned the campaign has been a splendid success. From the start of the meetings conditions in the North End were favorable. The pastors of the group had in mind the campaign in their preaching and prayers for some weeks previous. All the pastors of the group have had the pleasure of seeing people connected with the church and their family signifying their intention to enter on the Christian life. One pleasing feature in



this group has been the large number of strong able men who have entered on the Christian life, as well as many bright young people in their teens. However, the best results of the campaign are yet to be gathered in. The evangelists in this group did their work well. If the pastors only follow up the work with a fair measure of faithfulness no cry of failure will be heard coming from any quarter. The pastors of this group are intending to follow up the work. There will be services each evening in these churches

Mr. Lamb, who was associated with Dr. Smith as soloist and leader, has been highly successful and greatly appreciated. So far as Dr. Smith is concerned he goes leaving a splendid record and we will be pleased to have him back any time."

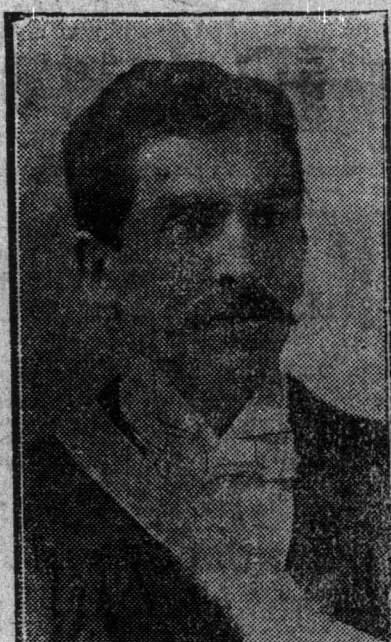
REV. H. R. READ.

The West End group is composed of two Baptist, the Methodist and Presbyterian churches in that part of the city, and the campaign has been under the leadership of Rev. Milton S. Rees, assisted by Musical Director F. A. Bowdoin. It was intended at first that the services should be held in the Methodist church, but it soon became evident that a larger building was necessary. The City Hall was procured and night after night the spacious auditorium has been completely filled with an attentive and appreciative audience of men and women.

One cannot fail to be impressed by the way in which the interest in the services has been sustained. The different congregations have given the movement their fullest support and have entered into the work with the utmost enthusiasm. Dr. Rees is a brilliant speaker, an optimistic worker, and a firm leader. In a most manly and unassuming way he has urged men and women to respond to the call of their Saviour. Possibly his greatest strength is in his strong attractive personality. To meet him is to be convinced of his genuineness and sympathy. And the large numbers who have come to the after-meetings attest his influence and success.

Mr. Bowdoin has proved himself an effective gospel singer. He is a man of large experience and his presence has meant much to the success of the meetings.

It is almost too soon to speak of results. Large number have signed the



decision cards. Men have declared their determination to give up gambling and the drink. Scores of young people in close relations with the church have made their first public confession of Christ. And, not least among the good results, Christian men and women have begun to realize that there is both opportunity and necessity for an evangelism which in a straightforward way presents Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour.

The outstanding feature of the work is the interest awakened among the men. From every denomination and from every calling the men have flocked to the meetings, and in many ways have shown that they meant business. Many homes have been brightened, and into many a hopeless life the light has shined.

J. HUNTER WHITE.

The plan has fully justified itself. The interest has been broadened, the enthusiasm deepened, as would have been impossible by any divided effort. "We were particularly fortunate in the men selected for the work. One outstanding feature has been the satisfaction of each group with those working with them. There is a feeling that we would have done well to have made the time four weeks instead of three. On the other hand there are advantages in closing the campaign while the interest is on the increase. The permanent result will depend on the conscientiousness of those who have resolved to make their lives count for Christ. While it is the duty of the church to help them it is also their duty to put themselves in touch with such interests as will strengthen them in their resolve by identifying themselves with the church of their choice and its work. One man said to me the other day there is one thing about all these evangelists, they have a splendid smile.

JUDGE FORBES.

I feel the campaign has been a splendid success. It is much ahead of a central campaign. The arrangement and organization has been very excellent. The tendency has been to awaken the people to their responsibilities.

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