

## Opening of Social Service Congress.

IMMENSE MEETING AT THE COLLEGE HALL. — DISTINGUISHED ORATORS ADDRESS THE MEETING. — HUNDREDS UNABLE TO GET IN.

One of the largest gatherings that ever have crowded the Methodist College Hall filled the spacious auditorium last night.

Precisely at eight o'clock His Excellency the Governor entered, accompanied by Mayor Gosling, Revs. Canon Tucker, Bolt and Smart, Revs. Drs. Moore, Shearer, Bond, Jones and Curtis, Rev. Mr. Saint, President of the Newfoundland Methodist Conference; and upon the platform also were Revs. Dickie, Field, Royce, Clayton, Pike and others. Having sung the National Anthem, Rev. G. Dickie, M.A., led the audience in "The Lord's Prayer," and Rev. Dr. Curtis introduced His Excellency, Sir Walter Davidson, who had kindly consented to preside, and who on behalf of the immense audience before him, and for the people of Newfoundland made a sincere welcome to the grave and reverend gentlemen who had been chosen by the respective churches to spread the light of applied Christianity. His Excellency said in part: Although I am not a Newfoundlander, not one of themselves, I know the heart of this people. I know their many virtues and I feel very kindly for their little weaknesses. For three years I have lived very near to them and shared in their sorrows, but sorrow cloaked with joy and pride because of their valiant boys. I know them also as a God-fearing people, a people reared by the ruggedness of nature, who have seen the wonders of the Lord in the tempestuous ocean, but who reap the harvest of the sea and praise the Lord for all his goodness. Men who learn manliness from their mother's knee and endurance from a father's example, who brave the ice and snowstorm to win bread for their homes, who absorb the religious traditions of their forefathers, but because of isolation there is perhaps too much stagnation.

It would be desirable if more elasticity and a disposition for freeness to develop with progress existed. And here would come in the value of the principles of Social Service (some of which were referred to briefly) and as these benefits were adopted and their value proved, public opinion would look for law to enforce them, and many evils would be abated and eliminated from public life. Again he would bid welcome to these Apostles of Social Welfare who sought to ameliorate existing conditions.

The Mayor, W. Gosling, Esq., was then called upon to address the meeting. Mr. Gosling in welcoming the members of the Social Service Council to St. John's, said that he understood the meeting that evening was for the inauguration of a Congress for Social Service, to which there had been invited members from the Outports, as well as the distinguished visitors from Canada and the U. S. He was informed that no less than fifteen Churches and Charitable Associations of Canada had banded themselves together for Social Service work, sending delegates to the Congresses which were held periodically in different cities. The gentlemen who had so kindly come so far for the purpose of helping us to start a similar Council here, were men eminent in their own particular branch of work. The Gospel which they preach is one of service to our fellow man and for his part he believed that the good one was able to accomplish in this life was of far more importance as a religious duty than the number of prayers one said. He was a Social Service worker himself, in a measure, because the government of a city touched in hundreds of ways upon the

lives of the people. He understood that Civic duty was one of the subjects to be dealt with by the Congress and he would welcome the discussion, as he had found one of the chief drawbacks to the advancement of the city was that so few looked upon the city as a whole. The city had been built up from the personal and selfish standpoint. He trusted that the Congress would bring about a more general appreciation of the duty of citizens to the city. He felt sure that the Congress would assist greatly in the uplift of our people and he warmly welcomed our distinguished visitors to St. John's.

Rev. Canon Smart rose to respond for himself, the visiting clergymen and others from the outports. He was there to say we will join you in this great crusade. He was an outport man, and they were slow to take up new things, and lately there were a good many new things such as envelopes for church offerings and auto cars, but in a good thing, when they got started it was hard to stop them. It took them twenty years to agitate for Prohibition but when ready it was carried with a rush. When he came to the city he looked up at the statue of St. John the Baptist over that archway in front of the Cathedral and as he thought of St. John being an agitator it gave him inspiration and help. True, we were a law-abiding people, but he was anxious about the future. The Lottery Act and the Cigarette Law were not carried out, but the Prohibition Act must be, declared the speaker. (Prolonged cheers and cries of yes). There was evasion and casuistry and huckling, but John the Baptist was no casuist with Herod when he told him "She is your brother Philip's wife, and it is not lawful for you to have her."

And Jesus of Nazareth denounced wrong as he found it, there was no reason why there should be sin anywhere and it must be rooted out and destroyed and he thought the best thanks that could be given the visiting deputation was their sympathy and co-operation.

Mr. Smart was exceedingly happy in his illustrations, particularly of the lover who was told by the young lady to speak for himself, and of the nineteenth man who got out of an overloaded punt to let a man with a bottle of medicine get in. Rev. Canon Tucker, D. C. L., rising said it was hard to keep up to one's reputation sometimes. True he was a Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, in the middle of Canada. He congratulated the Colony on having such a Governor. He had heard of his inspiring addresses and of our loyalty and patriotism but now he was seeing it and feeling it for himself, and he was delighted to come on this special errand and to meet his friends from the United States; there has been an imaginary line between Canada and the neighbouring Republic for the past hundred years, but there were no garrisons on the border nor armed steamers on the Lakes, and now we are allies and now side by side our soldiers are training with them, helping as brothers in a common cause and some fine day it may be the Anglo Saxon race would be under the one flag, the intertwined Union Jack and Spread Eagle, and under it there was room enough, thank God, for the greatest democracy that could dominate the world, the English speaking people and a lasting peace would be ensured. Fifteen years ago a great prophet with strong will and great breadth of vision arose in Canada, the Rev. Dr. Chown, and as he arraigned the liquor trade and the terrible results of the saloon, the growing evil of gambling, the awful white slave traffic, he aroused the public conscience, and even the Prime Minister had to sit up and take notice. The Methodist General Superintendent organised his Temperance and Moral Reform Movement; and the Scotch people are usually alive to know a good thing when they see it and they launched their temperance and social service work and are now scarcely a second to their brothers in the Methodist Church. Later the stately and dignified Anglican Church came in a good many laps behind, but our whole Church, said the Canon is now awake and unanimous in its decisions that the drink traffic must be prohibited from ocean to ocean. Yes, you are ahead in Newfoundland but province after province has won its victory; only last week the City of Quebec by a splendid majority. We are winning bit by bit and soon shall have a world-wide prohibition. This Social Service Congress is quickly widening and absorbing other organizations of similar aims, the great Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A., W. C. T. U. and already fifteen organizations and numerous societies have formed an enormous combine that will have a controlling influence in political matters and insist upon the enforcement of such laws and will protect

women from surroundings that will affect their health and morals, that will shield children from injurious habits that arrest development. The most difficult and delicate duty which the Social Service Council undertakes is the reclaiming of fallen women, and already in cities such as Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg—in fact in every large city in every Province—there was the "Open Door" and rescue home where the girl who had deviated from the right path could find rest and shelter and be restored to health and afterward become a useful woman in society. The learned doctor continued with a vivid sketch of the career of Wm. Bennett Bond, a Newfoundland lad who went to Canada several years ago and who rose from Curate to Archbishop. He had done a wonderful work for God in the extension of His Church and for the uplift of humanity, his whole life was one example of self-sacrifice in social work for his brother man; and then the Canon referred to the magnificent service rendered by the Rev. John Antle on the Pacific Coast as he went up and down with a doctor and hospital on his deck; and to speak of his work among the loggers and miners, many of whom were prodigals.

Loud and long was the applause that followed, and it was conceded by all that it was one of the ablest speeches heard here on the subject.

Mr. Alexander Johnson was the last speaker. Forty-six years ago he had been detained in our harbour on a steamer for Canada on which he was a passenger, and congratulated the citizens on its many improvements. The audience would have a let down from the eloquence that they had just listened to. He was one of the workers who sought the conservation of human life, his constant regret was so much waste in humanity; waste by insanity, by the blight of heredity and by the greatest cause—"Alcohol." He believed in special treatment for the wayward, and was sorry the Colony had not seen its need of a Reformatory; and there was an enormous waste by not caring for the defective, the feeble-minded who drifted eventually, many of them, into criminal life, some to be used by designing villains to take the life of a President of the United States by shooting him. If we pray for God's blessing on every industrious farmer who comes to the plough, He also referred to the restoration of many abandoned women lifted out of the depths by the helping hand of the Sister who sought out the wandering one, and the philanthropic work of Children's Aid Societies. He wished the whole world could be brought to feel itself as one great organism where when one suffers all other parts suffer, when we try to share the other man's burden to help make things better. If we pray for God's kingdom to come on earth we must make it better by our own example and effort.

The Doxology and blessing by Canon Bolt closed the service. It is expected that to-night's meeting will also be thronged as Dr. Hastings Hart, of New York, is the principal speaker.

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The English sovereign was first coined in 1626. Previous to that date the noble, value fifteen shillings, was the most valuable British coin.

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The value of the English National Gallery pictures and building is

about a million and a quarter sterling. The National Gallery was founded in 1824, with a collection of thirty-eight pictures; it now contains about 1,200 pictures, which have cost roundly £1,000,000. The gallery was finished in 1838, at a cost of £100,000. It was altered and enlarged in 1860, and additions were made in 1876, the new portion costing £83,000. A further enlargement cost £66,000.

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