

METHODIST LAYMEN DECLARE FOR TEMPERANCE CANDIDATES

Resolution Passed at Hamilton Conference Pledging Members to Support Only Abolish the Bar Nominees, Whether Liberal or Conservative—Church's Growth Gratifying.

Special to The Toronto World.
ST. CATHARINES, June 4.—A resolution pledging support only to candidates for the legislature, whether Liberal or Conservative, who are willing publicly to declare for the abolition of the bar, was passed by the laymen's association at the Hamilton Methodist Conference today.

Rev. H. W. Crews and Rev. E. S. Colwell of Woodstock were elected president and secretary of the Hamilton Methodist Conference this afternoon. Rev. George W. Barker of Guelph and Rev. I. M. Meyer of Burgessville were elected assistant secretaries and Rev. J. E. Peters, statistical secretary.

The Prohibitioners' Association elected the following officers, all students of Victoria College: President, G. R. Gilchrist; vice-president, Dr. Zimmerman; secretary-treasurer, Jos. Stewart.

Membership increases.
Statistics of the conference showed the following: Membership 55,378, increase over 1913, 976; mission giving \$46,784, increase over 1913, \$6,029; connexional fund giving \$166,886, increase over 1913, \$15,463; circuit purpose giving \$394,393, increase over 1913, \$46,870; ministerial support giving \$180,352, increase over 1913, \$40,177. Grand total for all purposes, \$714,485; increase over 1913, \$65,428.

Report for quadrennium. Membership, increase 2880; missions, increase \$70,783; ministerial support, increase \$67,732; all purposes, increase \$265,019.

No Changes in Rules.
Disciplinary questions were discussed at the annual meeting of the Theological Union. No changes were made in the church rules. The Laymen's Association today passed, with two dissenting votes, on motion of E. H. Cleaver of Burlington and F. J. Hager of Hagerstown, the following resolution:

Temperance Endorsed.
That we, the Laymen's Association of the Hamilton Conference of the great Methodist Church, in session assembled, continue to deplore the evil effects of the legalized liquor traffic upon the citizens of our beloved Province of Ontario, and believe it to be the duty of all Christian people to do all within their power to overcome the evil and its lamentable effects; the expression of the people of the province at the polls and in local option contests and on other occasions clearly demonstrates, we believe, that public sentiment endorses our moral obligations as Christian people, and indeed makes it our duty to call upon our legislature to discontinue the legalizing of liquor licenses in this province, and to make it the duty of each municipality of wiping out the liquor store on the majority vote.

"We believe as a body of Christian people that we have a right to interfere with party politics in so far as it relates to moral issues, and we call upon our people to do all within their power to see that the candidates for the legislature, whether Liberal or Conservative are willing publicly to pledge themselves to support the abrogation of the bar."

"That we above all pledge ourselves to vote for no candidate, Liberal or Conservative, who will not so pledge himself."

"We further call upon our pastors from the pulpits to urge our people to adopt such a course."

The laymen elected the following officers: President, E. H. Cleaver, Burlington; vice-president, A. H. Lambert, Hamilton; secretary-treasurer, A. Scruton, Brantford; executive committee, Fred Macur, Brantford; W. J. Robertson, St. Catharines; S. W. Yogan, Walkerton; Mayor Carter, Guelph; J. S. Harker, Hamilton; H. B. Colledge, Guelph.

The address of the president touched upon the state of church work, regret being expressed that some of the churches did not show more activity. "The most vital question in Ontario today is that of temperance," said he. "It is a live issue before the electors, great studies are being made in temperance, and it behooves the church to make its influence felt."

The president also touched upon church union and suggested that students of the ministry take a course in agriculture, so as to be in touch with the work of the rural districts.

A. H. Lambert of Hamilton, chairman of the finance committee, advocated that a part of the student's time be devoted to finance, so as to give him a correct insight how to run a church on a proper business basis.

C. F. McGregor of Hamilton, introduced a discussion advocating the elimination of the pastoral time limit. Mayor W. B. Hobson, who gave them the freedom of the city.

Reduce Number of Delegates.
The question of reducing the number of representatives to the annual assembly meetings came up this afternoon. A motion by Rev. Dr. John Somerville to send the matter to the presbyteries, and suggesting that the number of representatives be reduced to one in eight, was carried. Dr. Macdonald of Toronto, speaking on the subject, said that it was about time that some of the men who have sat in the assemblies for years gave the younger men a chance.

That the presbyteries of the west are not managed satisfactorily was stated by Rev. Dr. John Somerville when he was delivering the committee

report on statistics. He said he could not get accurate reports from them.

Big individual subscriptions.
The cost of the large pre-assembly congress in Toronto last year has not been paid fully yet. Dr. A. S. Grant this afternoon submitted an interesting financial statement in connection with this, which showed that the total amount subscribed was \$66,488.10. The expenses of the meeting amounted to \$85,117.25, and \$78,465.10 has been paid up.

All this money was subscribed by fifteen people, as follows: A. Friend, Vancouver, \$10,000; A. Deland, Edmonton, \$10,000; T. J. S. Skinner, Calgary, \$10,000; J. Salfour, Regina, \$10,000; Dr. C. W. Gordon, Winnipeg, \$10,000; C. Somerville, London, \$500; A. Friend, Toronto, \$10,000; John Penman, Paris, \$5000; Hon. B. A. Brown, Ottawa, \$5000; J. G. Ross, Montreal, \$1000; D. Morrice, Montreal, \$1000; A. Friend, Woodstock, N.B., \$10,000; Assembly Fund, \$2886.10.

Dr. Grant, at the conclusion of his report, remarked that some of the results of this assembly had been seen in the increased interest taken in the present one.

Greetings From Switzerland.
The committee on correspondence with other churches reported that Rev. Dr. Bryce, being in London, Eng., was accredited to the synod of the Presbyterian Church of England and the Rev. R. W. Ross, M.A., of Fort Massey Church, Halifax, was accredited to the general assembly in Scotland. Prof. Bieler reports his diligence in appearing as the representative of the church at the synod of the Free Church of the Canton de Vaud, Switzerland, in May of last year, by which he was cordially received and was listened to with very deep attention as he informed the synod of the past operations of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. He was requested to convey to the assembly the cordial greetings of the little sister church in Switzerland.

Hymnal Report.
The committee on church praise reported that the royalty on the hymnal had totaled \$3881.48, which had been apportioned between the aged and infirm ministers and widows and orphans' funds.

With a view to an interchangeable hymnal, the committee had kept in close touch with the Methodist committee in the new hymnal.

Rev. Dr. Campbell reported a profit of \$2000 on the publication of The Presbyterian Record.

Home Missions.
Rev. Dr. Grant presented the report on home missions, which said that the appointment of immigration chaplains at the large distributing centres had proved very satisfactory.

Mission work is being carried on amongst the French in twenty different centres in the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, and there are three bilingual missions. At Chelmsford in New Ontario, there is a French mission, also one in Weyburn, Saskatchewan, and one at Chelmsford in the Kootenay district.

Altho the missionary and educational work in the Province of Quebec has been carried on in the midst of trials and difficulties, it can now be seen that the effort was worth while. A very marked change has come. French Protestantism is now firmly established on Canadian soil.

Missions to Jews.
Six years ago work was commenced among the Jews in Canada. Notwithstanding the difficulties always incident to Jewish evangelization, a good deal of advancement has been made. There are two missions, one in Toronto, where there are 25,000 Jews, and the other in Winnipeg, which claims 18,000.

In connection with the work in Toronto, two things mark the past year as special. The new building, known as the Christian Synagogue, was formally opened and dedicated in June. It is a fine, commodious building, well adapted for institutional work. The other feature of special note was the organization of a Hebrew Christian congregation. This was done by the to July 4. The congregation now meets regularly and shares in the work of the mission.

The total Jewish population of Canada is estimated at 150,000. Jewish communities are rapidly forming in nearly all the large cities with features unattractive and non-Canadian. Many do not welcome missionary effort, but this does not relieve the Christian Church of the responsibility of giving them the gospel.

Growth of Mormonism.
As regards the relation of the church to Mormonism, little change can be reported. In July, the president of the Utah Mormons visited the province and made several significant speeches in praise of that part of the country and of Mormonism. He is a polygamist and a man whose name is not much to be looked for in the way of a change of domestic habits. He is reported to have spoken in praise of experience as affording abundant proof. At Cardston, a beautifully situated town, with a predominantly Mormon population, he dedicated the site chosen for the Canadian temple, which is about to be erected. This enterprise seems to indicate that the Mormons have come to stay in Alberta.

Aids to Devotion.
The committee on public worship and aids to devotion reported that a book had been prepared and would soon be published as an aid to family worship.

COL. ROOSEVELT'S HUNTER.
With Robinson's Famous Shows.
Emory J. Pond, one of the hunters who accompanied Roosevelt on his African hunt, is one of the lion tainers employed with Robinson's Famous Shows. Mr. Pond joined Mr. Roosevelt's party in Rhodesia, and remained until the expedition moved up towards Khartoum, when he joined the Robinson expedition sent to equatorial Africa to replenish the menagerie, and Mr. Pond came to America with them to break the wild and savage beasts. He now has them under perfect control. He tells many interesting experiences while with the Roosevelt expedition, and says he was not only absolutely fearless, but often reckless in exposing himself to the attacks of wild denizens of the African jungle.

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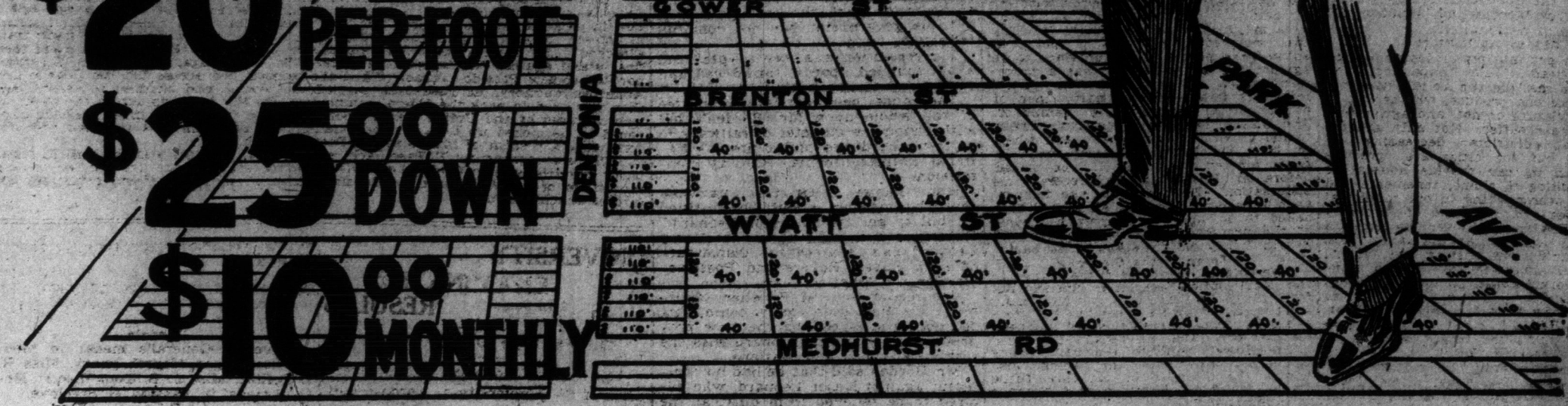
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This is the board of control's decision in private session yesterday afternoon. The sum to be asked for will provide for 35 motor buses. These will not all be bought at once; there will be 15 or 20 in the first batch, the others added as required.

The type or make of buses has not yet been fixed, according to the mayor.

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CHEESE BOARD OFFICERS.
KINGSTON, June 4.—Richard J. Draper was elected president of the Frontenac Cheese Board today; Richard Moore was elected first vice-president; Richard Hamilton, second vice-president, and William Pillar secretary-treasurer.



Above is shown the heading of the front page of this week's Sunday World Comic Section. Buster has a peach of an idea. It is worked out on the comic page, and there are three other pages chockful of things that will not alone amuse the kiddies but the grown-ups as well.

For Sale by All Newsdealers and Newsboys at 5 cents the copy.

The Toronto Senior League bill for Saturday calls Jews and St. Patrick's in the early game, and as usual blood is on the moon. These teams always produce a sparkling game, and it is expected that this will be no exception. At 4 o'clock St. Mary's and St. Andrew's get together, and it would not be surprising if Kelly were sent in against the Scotch. This game means a lot to St. Mary's, and their senior city team will be there to root them along. Come early and bring your straw bonnet.

Two good games of intermediate ball are promised for Saturday afternoon at Cowans Sterling Park. The first game will be called at 2 o'clock sharp, with Cowans trying to tie the cellar position with West End. And at 4 o'clock the Canadian Order of Oddfellows will try and tie the league with Gutta Percha. The league now stands:

| Clubs | Won | Lost | Pct. |
|--------------|-----|------|------|
| Gutta Percha | 2 | 1 | .500 |
| Odellows | 2 | 2 | .500 |
| West End | 2 | 2 | .500 |
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Havecock plays an intermediate O.A.L.A. game today at Campbellford, P. Jones referee.

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