

PREACHING LOSES ITS GRIP ON HEART

Christian Churches Fail to Meet Demand of Age.

ATTENDANCE IS DECLINING

Methodists See Need of New Ethical Advance.

REFORMED EVANGELIZATION

General Conference Considers Appointment of Special Apostle.

[Canadian Press.]

OTTAWA, Oct. 2.—Some objection was registered following the reading of the report of the committee on evangelism at the Methodist general conference this afternoon.

"It is true there has been progress and activity in the church in the past quadrennium," began the report. Figures were given to illustrate the growth.

Proceeding, the report stated in part:

"Nevertheless, it is impossible to be blind to the fact that our church is not showing the aggressively evangelizing power we might reasonably expect of a body so strong, so well organized and of such traditions. In common with all the churches of Christendom, the Methodist Church is failing to meet the demands of the world with that all-conquering enthusiasm which has swept her onward in the great periods of advance in the past."

"Church-attendance is declining. The preaching is losing its grip on the heart and conscience. Over large areas religious life is becoming more formal and superficial."

"We recognize the problem is world-wide and assumes different phases in different areas. Confining ourselves to America, and especially to Canada, we venture to express the conviction that the church is suffering from success."

"The church has so diffused the principles of Christianity that she has drawn on herself a severity of criticism she has never known before."

"She is condemned today, not for her unlikeliness to the world, but for her likeness to it. Non-Christians deny her claim, not because she is not sufficiently Christian, but because she disregards some of Christ's plainest teachings."

"Must Silence Criticism. We believe she can recover her declining influence only as she will at once silence criticism and arouse in men the old sense of moral debt. This means a new ethical advance."

"The people of Christ must again become a peculiar people, particularly so in the realm of business and politics. The church must proclaim the deadly peril of riches. She must substitute co-operation for the incurably un-Christian principle of competition. The dominant aim of commerce and industry must come to be service, not profit."

"The sacred task of Government must be lifted from its present level, too often marked by sordidness and immorality. The church must create a new conscience."

The foregoing made up the preamble and was passed. The committee finally recommended that the call of evangelism be set apart to inspire a revival of Christian fervor. On this the conference decided to defer action for a session.

"Church Facing Crisis." That report is a melancholy wall of despair, declared Joseph Gibson, of Ingersoll. He defined some of his objections.

Dr. E. S. P. Rose, Montreal, said it is the church, not Christianity that is facing the crisis, and held that the report did not set out the conditions and facts. Other delegates held different views.

The recommendation to appoint a special evangelist and to conduct a discussion, and action was deferred. Rev. W. S. Griffin, still hale and virile at the age of 88, was again appointed treasurer of the superannuated fund. He has held the office since 1892. His election caused general satisfaction, and he was given a big demonstration.

The recommendation of a special committee to assist the British Methodist Episcopal Church, whose members are colored folk; and that the conference agree with the training ministers for that church, found favor.

Still Favor Church Union. Without a discussion, the conference unanimously endorsed the recommendation of its special committee appointed to report on the question of church union. The committee suggested the advisability of avoiding a discussion, the conference readily agreed and passed the report of which the following was the substance:

"We recommend the general conference to appoint on the nomination of the committee on church union, a committee of 50, to meet with similar committees already appointed by the Presbyterian General Assembly and the Congregational Church Union for the purpose of continuing negotiations for the organic union of the above churches; that this committee report the results of its negotiations and deliberations to the general conference special committee, which shall also receive the reports of the action of the other negotiating churches in the matter of church union; and if, in the judgment of the general conference special committee, the reports received warrant further action, it may call a special meeting of the general conference to consider the matter of consummating the proposed union."

The committee in its report stated that it had considered twelve memorials dealing with various aspects of church union, and other data on the subject, and in its preamble stated:

NO GROUND LOST, SOME IS GAINED BY THE ALLIED ARMY

Offensive Work of the Enemy Shows Lack of Leadership, Says British Official Report — Artillery Fire Also Determined.

London, Oct. 2.—The official bureau issued a statement tonight from the headquarters of the British expeditionary force under date of September 29, concerning the movements of the British forces and the French armies in immediate touch with it. The statement followed:

"The general situation, as viewed on the map, remains practically the same as that described in the last letter, and the task of the army has been the offensive."

"No ground has been lost. Some has been gained, and every counter-attack has been repulsed—in certain instances with very severe losses to the enemy."

ENEMY LACKS LEADERSHIP. "Nevertheless the question of position is only a part of the battle, and there has been considerable improvement in the situation in another important respect. Recent offensive efforts of the enemy have been made without cohesion, his assaults being delivered by comparatively small bodies acting without co-operation with those on either side. Some of them indeed evinced clear signs of inferior leadership, this bearing out statements made by prisoners as to great losses."

"Further, the hostile artillery fire has decreased in volume and deteriorated both in control and direction. The first is probably due to the transfer of metal to other quarters, but the two latter facts may be the direct result of the activity of our aircraft and their interference with the enemy's air reconnaissance and observation of his fire."

Captive Balloons Used. "The Germans recently have been relying to some extent on observations from captive balloons sent up at some distance in the rear of their first line, which method, whatever its cause, is a poor substitute for the direct overhead reconnaissance obtainable from aeroplanes."

"As a consequence the damage being done to us is wholly disproportionate to the amount of ammunition expended by the enemy. For the last few days it has amounted to pitting certain areas with large craters and in rendering some villages unhealthy, as the soldiers put it. A concrete example of what was on one occasion achieved against our infantry trenches is given later."

Aeroplane Brought Down. "Of recent events an actual narrative will be carried on the 25th to the 29th inclusive. During the whole of this period the weather has remained fine, though it has not been so bright as it was. On Friday the 25th, comparative quiet reigned in our sphere of action. The only incident worthy of special mention was the passage of a German aeroplane over the front line. It was flying high but drew a general fusillade from below with the result that the pilot was killed outright and the observer was wounded. The latter, however, managed to continue the fight for some miles but was then compelled to descend, his petrol tank having been struck. He was captured by the French."

Germans Lose 1,000. "That on a general attack was made against the greater part of the allies' position and it was renewed in the early morning of the 26th. The Germans were everywhere repulsed with losses. Indeed, opposite one portion of our lines, where they were caught in mass by our machine guns and howitzers, firing at different ranges, it is estimated that they left 1,000 killed or wounded."

"The attitude of our troops may be judged from the fact that the official report next morning from one corps of which one division had borne the brunt of the fighting, ran thus laconically:

Report From One Corps. "The night was quiet except for a certain amount of shelling both from the enemy and ourselves at 3:30 a.m. "At 3:40 a.m. an attack was made on our right. At 5 a.m. there was a general attack on the right of the front line. The enemy was repulsed. Further ineffectual efforts to drive us back were made on Saturday at 8 a.m. and in the afternoon and the artillery fire continued day."

"The Germans came on in 'T' formation, several lines shoulder to shoulder, followed almost immediately by a column in support. After a very few minutes the men had closed up into a mob which afforded an excellent target for our fire."

"On Sunday, the 27th, while the Germans heavy guns were in action their line could be heard playing hymn tunes, presumably at divine service."

"The enemy made an important advance on the line at 11 a.m. and renewed it in strength at one point with, however, no better success than on the previous night. Shelling continued all day along the whole front."

"On Monday, the 28th, there was nothing more severe than a bombardment and intermittent sniping, and this inactivity continued during Tuesday, the 29th, except for a night attack against our right."

Type of Fighting. "The incident that occurred Sunday, the 27th, serves to illustrate the type of fighting that has for the past two weeks been going on intermittently on various parts of our lines. It also brings out the extreme difficulty of ascertaining what is actually happening during an action, apart from what seems to be happening, and points to the value of good entrenchments."

"At a certain point in our front our advance trenches are on the north of the Aisne, not far from a village, on a hillside, and also within a short distance of German works, being on a slope of a spilling down by subsidiary valley running north and a main valley of the river. It was a calm, sunny afternoon, but hazy, and from our point of view, south of the river, it was difficult to locate exactly on the far bank the well-concealed trenches."

"From far and near, the sullen boom of guns echoed along the valley, and at intervals in a different direction, and the sky was flecked with the almost motionless smoke of anti-aircraft shells. Suddenly, without any warning, for the reports of the distant howitzers from which they were fired could not be distinguished from the distant reports, three or four heavy shells fell into the village, sending up huge clouds of dust and smoke, which appeared in a brownish-grey column. To this no reply was made by our side."

Reports in Quick Succession. "Shortly afterwards, there was a quick succession of reports from a point in our front line."

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AIRSHIPS GUARD CROSSING TROOPS

Safely Conveyed British Expeditionary Forces to France and Have Done Fine Work.

[Canadian Press.]

LONDON, Oct. 2.—3:45 p.m.—The extent of the work of the airships rendered by flying machines and airships co-operating in the naval and military movements, is shown by the following statement, issued tonight by the official press bureau:

"While the expeditionary force was being moved abroad a strong patrol to the eastward of the straits of Dover was undertaken by both seaplanes and airships of the naval air service. The airships remained steadily patrolling between the French and English coasts for ten and twelve hours, while further to the east, with the assistance of the Belgian authorities, a temporary seaplane base was established at Ostend and a patrol kept up with seaplanes between this place and the English coast opposite."

A Daring Feat. "By this means it was impossible for the enemy's ships to approach the straits without being seen for many miles. On one occasion during the movement of the force, one of the airships patrolled the coast, and a patrol kept up with seaplanes between this place and the English coast opposite."

"There was then a pause, and several clouds of smoke rose slowly and remained stationary, spaced as regularly as poplars."

"Again there was a succession of reports from German quick-firing guns on the far side of the misty valley, and like echoes of detonations of high explosives and the roar of expanding smoke clouds was prolonged by several new ones. Another pause and silence, except for the noise in the distance."

"After a few minutes there was a roar from our side of the main valley as our field guns opened one after another in a more deliberate fire upon the positions of the German guns. After six reports, there was again silence save for the whirr of shells as they sang up the small valley. Then followed flashes and balls of smoke—one, two, three, four, five, six—as the shrapnel burst nicely over what in the haze looked like some ruined buildings at the edge of the wood."

Work With Armed Cars. "On the 26th, the German airships have taken place between the armed motor car supports and bands of uniforms. All these affairs have been successful with the exception of one in which an armed car was taken. The German armed cars and aeroplanes have assisted the French forces of artillery and infantry on several occasions. Good work has been done in dropping bombs upon positions of military importance and railway communications."

CANADA MUST SEND 1,000 MEN A MONTH

Gap-Fillers Will Be Needed Until the End of the War.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, Oct. 2.—Next week there will be another conference respecting the French-Canadian expeditionary force, which it is proposed to raise. It is understood that the Government has given its consent to the enlistment of such a force and that it will comprise four regiments of four thousand men. However, the order for actual enlistment has not yet been made. This step will be taken as soon as the Hon. Sam Hughes returns to Ottawa. If he does not return early in the week the order will issue with the signature of Sir Robert Borden, who has been acting minister of militia in the absence of Col. Hughes.

There is likely to be considerable additional recruiting in the west. It is reported that there are many men in the ranks of the four thousand men of the lakes who are looking for a chance to go to Europe with a rifle. From now until the end of the war Canada will have to send forward gap-fillers at the rate of a thousand per month.

Quebec and the west will be the portions of the country most largely drawn upon in the near future.

Effect of Three Hundred Projectiles. "Over three hundred projectiles were fired against the trench. The result was nine men wounded."

"On the following day 100 shells were fired at the trench occupied by the West Kent Regiment alone. Four officers were buried, but were dug out unhurt. One man was scratched. The village itself was unoccupied."

"Daily sniping, sniping now in circulation among the troops, mostly of an amusing nature. As an instance of this, the village of the Purores, a report is current that the Purores, who are our close neighbors, have been the use of two heavy guns for ten thousand tons of nation beef. The market rate of exchange between green and meat, however, has not yet been worked out."

Germans See 'Blind Panic.' "Our troops in the second line at certain spots pass the time putting the football about on the village place. It is rumored that a German aviator observed this, and has sent a report that the British forces were thoroughly disorganized and 'running about their post in blind panic.'"

Petitions Sent Government Because of Stop of German Chemical Imports.

TORONTO, Oct. 2.—The Department of Lands, Forests and Mines reports that as a result of cessation of the importation of German chemicals into Canada, many petitions have been received asking for the development or further investigation of the fields of ore which are supposed to contain important chemical materials.

"Germany has been supplying half of the world's entire demand for sodium cyanide. That chemical is produced from zinc, of which Canada possesses valuable deposits. Another item in commercial fertilizer, two million dollars worth of which have been coming to Canada annually in recent years. The Canadians have been near Kingston, and have threatened to do many American textile factories. The Matanzas will sail from New York next Wednesday, October 7."

TO SAVE TEXTILE FACTORIES. WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—Private interests have charted the American West, Matanzas for a trip to Rotterdam to bring back a cargo of dyes and other chemicals, the lack of which since the outbreak of the European war has threatened to close many American textile factories. The Matanzas will sail from New York next Wednesday, October 7.

EVEN CROSS, SICK CHILDREN LOVE SYRUP OF EGGS

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ORIENTAL RUG SALE

ONE-QUARTER OFF NEXT WEEK

30 Splendid Specimens To Be Cleared

This will be a very exceptional opportunity for acquiring, at far less than the market price, and doubtless for less than will again be possible this year for such rugs as are listed below in this sale. They include the beautiful Mirzapore, Malabar and Akbar Rugs. Sizes for almost any room will be found in the collection, of which we have prepared a brief description of each, giving the regular price, as well as sale price of every rug. This sale is not a dealer's consignment of leftovers or end of season's stock, but our own personal selection from the world's greatest importer from the Orient. Choicest designs and colorings in already moderately-priced rugs. Thirty only in this sale for a quick stock-clearance at a flat price reduction of 25 per cent.



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- Rug No. 11921—Mirzapore Rug, cream ground, cream and rose decoration. Size 11.4 x 8.5. Was \$35.00, for \$26.25
- Rug No. 232—Malabar Rug, light blue ground, with soft shadings of tan and green. Very finely woven. Size 9.2 x 12.2. Was \$65.00, for \$48.75
- Rug No. 6730—Mirzapore, red ground, royal blue and red. Size 11.3 x 8.5. Was \$45.00, for \$33.75
- Rug No. 6732—Mirzapore, blue and bronze on green ground. Size 11.3 x 8.2. Was \$35.00, for \$26.25
- Rug No. 558—Malabar, ivory and rose. Size 9 x 12. Was \$65.00, for \$48.75
- Rug No. 11922—Mirzapore, cream, blue and tan. Size 7.8 x 10.2. Was \$30.00, for \$22.50
- Rug No. 1355—Mirzapore, rich red and royal blue. Size 8.4 x 11.4. Was \$35.00, for \$26.25
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CAN'T STOP HICCOUGHING [Special to The Advertiser.]

WYOMING, Oct. 2.—Donald McPhail, who resides near Wainstead, has been ill ever since Nov. 7, 1913, and lies in a very precarious condition at his home. Besides suffering from an affection of the stomach, he has been afflicted with hiccoughs for

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