

LARGER MISSION FOR DR. GORDON

Work on Behalf of the United Church Suggested by Ministers.

FAREWELL ADDRESS

Inspiring Talk Is Given by "Ralph Connor" to Association.

Rev. Charles W. Gordon, D.D., Winnipeg, has made such a profound impression throughout the whole city during his week's mission at St. Andrew's United church, that a move is likely to be made to have him devote his whole time to similar work on behalf of the United Church throughout the dominion.

Rev. W. R. McIntosh, D.D., King street church, and chairman of Middlesex presbytery, speaking at the meeting of the London United church ministerial association this morning, at which Dr. Gordon was the speaker, voiced sentiments along this line, and a request will probably be forwarded to the headquarters of the church that Dr. Gordon be asked to take up such work.

"We have all been rather strongly impressed," declared Dr. McIntosh, "by Dr. Gordon's vivid, modern and acceptable interpretation of the relationship of religion to life, and I believe I am expressing the mind of hundreds of people in London when I say that nothing Dr. Gordon has done heretofore in literature, in patriotism, or any other department, would be at all comparable to the service he might render in comforting the heart of the church and in strengthening and inspiring us through the stormy days that are to come, if he will undertake the work."

An intense devotion. "Dr. Gordon has a colorful personality. He is full of enthusiasm, devotion to Christ, and he possesses the confidence of the church. What inspiration, what comfort, what steadiness, therefore, he would bring to the United church in the most important work of conducting missions, like he has done at St. Andrew's here, in the hundreds of cities, towns and villages in the dominion. I sincerely believe that the United church ought to secure Dr. Gordon's services, along with four or five others of similar power and ability, to carry on this most important work."

Dr. Gordon's address to the association this morning was essentially an intimate and personal one. It proved to be the climax of a series of addresses delivered by Dr. Gordon since coming to London nine days ago. Eleven of those addresses were given during the past week's mission services in St. Andrew's church, beginning with the anniversary services one week ago yesterday, while the remaining five speeches were given to various organizations, including the United church young people's conference in Centennial church, the students of the University of Western Ontario, the London Rotary club, the Ingomar club, and the United church of the West.

"It is contact of living men," asserted Dr. Gordon emphatically in his address, "which is the only way that will save the world. The church is the organized instrument for the winning of the world, and no external agencies, other than the church, can do that purpose. We as a church must save Canada, and if Canada is not saved the responsibility rests upon us."

Life is mysticism. "The Christian religion is mysticism," pointed out Dr. Gordon, "that life is mysticism; we see it in the tree and the flower. In our best moments we are all mystics, reaching into the unseen, reaching for what we cannot touch with our hands, but what we can reach with our mind and heart."

"Thus Christ has reduced Himself to a child to show His thoughts to the world, and He has no other way of showing how His thoughts reach into the minds of men. God is cooped up in heaven, cut off from the world. He wants to save the world, but He cannot separate from it, until and unless the church shows what He is to the world, and what He thinks and how His heart beats."

"We should concentrate our attention," concluded Dr. Gordon, "in seeing that nothing binds us or interferes with the thought, the mind and the purpose of God and man. The world swings a cable, like the cowboy swings the lariat, to bind and hamper us, but our whole anxiety should be to keep free of that cable. We must be free of that cable. Think of the madness of denominationalism! What we should try to do is to bring the world up against Christ, because Christ can only be saved by the process of incorporation, of bringing men into touch and into contact with Christ through simple faith."

Salesman Is Suspected. According to a Westmonester township farmer, an enterprising salesman has been giving him a slippery time these last few days of soft weather and muddy roads. At any rate the farmer's tire chains have disappeared, and in laying his complaint before the police he mentioned his suspicions against a salesman who called at his home on Saturday afternoon.

History Repeats Itself As Bishops Pay Tribute



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Bishop Williams, having delivered Sir Adam's funeral oration in St. Paul's cathedral, confined himself more to the work of the sanatorium. Bishop Fallon gave "the dynamics," while Bishop Williams gave more "the mechanics" of the sanatorium. The two of them collaborated as to the subject matter of their addresses, they could hardly have given two speeches which would more adequately have covered the situation.

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PUBLIC VISIT BIER OF QUEEN MOTHER

Servants Watch Over Body in Small, Dimly-Lighted Church at Sandringham.

SIMPLICITY PREVAILS

Associated Press Despatch. Sandringham, England, Nov. 23.—Throughout last night in the quietude of the dimly-lighted little church in Sandringham four servants of the royal household watched beside the oak coffin in which lies the body of Queen Mother Alexandra.

With the utmost simplicity the coffin was taken over the path which Alexandra was wont to use in going from the palace to the church. It was followed by Princess Victoria and Princess Mary of Greece. On arriving at the church it was placed before the altar and over it was thrown as a pall the queen mother's own standard.

No crepe was to be seen inside the little church, nor were the candles lighted. A few wreaths, the floral tokens of affection from the members of the royal household, were placed about the coffin.

Simplicity also marked the funeral service which was held yesterday. The minister delivered a tribute to Alexandra, but did not preach a sermon. The service was attended by King George and Queen Mary, the Prince of Wales and other royal personages. With them mourned a large number of the regular members of the congregation. King George was taken to the palace by the royal car, while the queen mother and the rest of the royal party were the joint tributes of the king and queen.

After the service King George and Queen Mary and all the royal personages returned to Sandringham House and four servants took up their watch beside the coffin, which was made ready for the royal estate and built by estate carpenters.

Public Visit Bier. From today until Thursday, when the body will be taken to Westminster Abbey for the funeral services on Friday, the little church here will be open daily so that those who desire may pass by the bier and pay their respects to the beloved woman whom many of them had known or seen in Sandringham.

After the ceremony in Westminster Abbey the body of the queen mother will be taken to Windsor Castle. There, on Saturday, it will be laid beside that of her husband, King Edward VII, under the Albert memorial chapel in which they were married in 1863.

Admittedly a strong candidate, he has a large personal following and with the experience gained in four majority contests, in three of which he was successful, he has developed an immense popularity. He is a formidable contender in the coming contest. On the other hand it has been almost a tradition in London that the burgundy of the burgundy is a limit. Only once has a fourth term been vouchsafed and that was away back in 1864, when the late Frank E. Cornhill was elected for the fourth consecutive term.

Early predictions seem to indicate that around 25 members of last year's council may add their experience to the 1926 body, while about six new councillors will be initiated into the deliberations of that body.

David Calvert, reeve of North Dorchester, and Duncan Graydon, reeve of Delaware, are general favorites of those being mentioned for varden of the county for 1926. Both men have had long experience in the council, and their opinions have always carried weight. Whether there will be other candidates for the chair is uncertain at the present time.

AMALGAMATION AIM OF VETERANS' BODIES Hope To Achieve United Organization at Convention in Winnipeg.

An amalgamation of all the various veteran organizations in Canada is anticipated at the convention to be held in Winnipeg on Thursday, Nov. 26. Representatives from every association of the Dominion tubercular veterans' delegates.

There are at present over forty different veterans' organizations, and local officials are confident that the amalgamation will take place. According to George Turner, over 80 per cent of them are in favor of the union. It is believed that the convention will also be drafted at the convention.

Utilities Would Purchase Sulphur Springs Property

Commission Offers To Assist in Financing Construction of New Dam at Springbank Park by Applying Net Revenues From Park Concessions.

Acting in accordance with instructions given at the meeting of the public utilities commission last week, Manager E. V. Buchanan is forwarding to the city council in writing the commission's offer to purchase the sulphur springs property at the foot of Dundas street.

The letter intimates further that the utilities commission is willing to assist the council to finance building a dam at Springbank by applying a portion of the net revenues from the park and by utilizing the profit from the sale of sulphur water to any baths that may be established.

The letter, which speaks for itself, is as follows: "At the meeting of the public utilities commission yesterday I was instructed to write you including copy of C. O. E. Smith's letter of Nov. 13, who therein makes application for sulphur water supply. Under the proposed agreement with Mrs. Moorehead we shall be unable to supply Mr. Smith."

"The commission wish me to reiterate that in addition to the advantages of the water supply from the well, the desirability of a beautiful approach to the river when the dam is built is of incalculable value."

"The commission is willing to purchase the property at any reasonable price, and is willing to assist the council in every possible way to finance the building of a dam at Springbank by applying a portion of the net revenues from the park and by utilizing the profit from the sale of sulphur water to any baths that may be established."

"It might be added that after the city purchased the property from Mr. Goulthart, two years ago the commission spent \$443 in testing the well, in leveling off the ground and in installing a drinking fountain."

REV. R. A. BALL, for many years travelling minister of the B. M. E. church here, who will celebrate his 80th birthday on Nov. 29 at Windsor, Rev. S. R. Drake, 229 Maitland street, London, is receiving contributions toward a purse to be presented to the veteran minister.

DENIES DECEPTION IN MILITARY ACT

Borden Declares Changing Conditions Changed His Attitude Toward Conscription.

Associated Press Despatch. Toronto, Nov. 23.—Sir Robert Borden, prime minister of Canada from 1911 to 1920, has replied to a letter from Sir Edward Kemp, former minister of militia, in which Sir Edward drew attention to the statement of Premier Taschereau of Quebec province, that the people of that province were deceived in regard to conscription during the war.

"I was suggested that I should make some answer to Mr. Taschereau's remarks," said Sir Robert, "but I have thought it best to refrain from newspaper controversy as I am not in active public life."

On examining my speech at the short session of 1914 I do not find any statement or promise that there would be no conscription. At page 17, I said that our men were going as free men, by voluntary enlistment. This, however, was subsequently to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech at the same session, in which he declared that it would be the duty of Canada to assist the motherland to the utmost of Canada's ability.

"In replying to Sir Wilfrid Laurier on the 17th January, 1916, I said (page 16) that we were clear to the people of Canada that we did not propose any conscription. I repeat that announcement today with emphasis. That statement was made in the presence of his constituents. The conditions of recruiting at that time was so excellent that there seemed no reason to expect the necessity of conscription, and (2) particularly the reason that we were so great a fear of a wholesale exodus of American settlers from the western provinces under the apprehension of conscription for military service. War conditions at that time seemed to justify."

"The statement, 'We believe that the conscription in military service would not become necessary; and we had not then intention of invoking the principle of conscription which had been authorized by law for many years.'"

Conditions Altered. "However, by the end of 1916 conditions had greatly altered that when the trades and labor congress demanded an assurance that there would be no conscription, I declined, both orally and in writing. A copy of my letter is enclosed."

"We used every endeavor to prevent the necessity of compulsory military service. As you may remember, it was a campaign in aid of national service which Mr. Bennett and I carried on during December, 1916, was undertaken to place the militia on active service any for that purpose but failed to produce satisfactory results. The same was true of the proposals which you attempted to carry out in the winter of 1917. Thus, in the spring of that year, upon my return from Great Britain, I was faced with alternative of compulsory military service or the practical abandonment of the Canadian Army Corps. Such an abandonment would have been a disgrace not only to us but to our country."

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The foreign minister, who has held the premiership seven times in his lengthy political career, returned to Paris this morning and had two long telephone conversations with M. Doumergue. The opinion is expressed that the president succeeded in convincing him of the patriotic necessity of his acceptance but no official summons to the Elysee palace had been received at the Quai d'Orsay early this afternoon.

Brandy Only Hope. Some of the foreign minister's friends fear he will not accept under the present conditions. The only alternative to a Briand ministry, they say, is one headed by former Premier Herriot, with the solid support behind it, including Socialist participation. The consensus of opinion today was that the second Painleve cabinet fell, like all other French cabinets during the last two years, a victim of the financial situation rather than of a political maneuver. The press of all parties divides about a serious tone, regarding the fall of the ministry as secondary in importance to the questions now facing the country.

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Barbers To Learn Of AIMS OF LEGISLATION Leon Worthal, President of Federation, To Speak in This City.

Explanation of the reasons for the agitation for the barbers' license law, which is intended to place the profession on a more stable footing throughout the province, will be given by Leon Worthal, president of the Canadian federation of barbers, at a meeting in Flister hall Thursday night.

Mr. Worthal comes here from headquarters in Toronto, under the auspices of the master barbers of London, who are anxious to make the general public, as well as all barbers, conversant with the aims of this new legislation. At present there is considerable misunderstanding in regard to the plan, and it is with the intention of clarifying the air in this regard that Mr. Worthal is coming to London.

HUMANE INSPECTOR HAS BUSY DAY ON SABBATH Sunday may be a day of rest for most people, but not for Inspector George Worthal of the humane society, who responded to no less than eleven calls yesterday.

He came from all over the city, said Mr. Tustin, "and I was kept busy from early morning till late at night." The inspector stated that he had received complaints of cruelty to animals from Essex and Strathroy. The communications were turned over to the police in those towns for action, he declared.

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