

TRUST AND OBEY--HE LIFTETH ME

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST IS HE YOURS?

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN IS BROUGHT TO A CLOSE

ORGANIZER McPHIE MAKES HIS REPORT ON THE CAMPAIGN
Dr. McPhie, Organizer and General Director, Presents His Report, Dealing with the Work Attempted and Accomplished--A Remarkably Successful Campaign

EVANGELISTIC FIGURES

- Number of Evangelists 5
- Number of Evangelists Singers 3
- Number of churches engaged in the services 22
- Estimated attendance at all meetings 137,000
- Number of meetings held 223
- Average attendance at a meeting 615

By REV. DUNCAN MACPHIE

It has been my privilege to be associated with the evangelistic workers and the pastors in the Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign in the City of St. John, N. B., during the month of Feb. 1910. This was the first Evangelistic Campaign of the simultaneous order ever held in the Maritime Provinces and I congratulate St. John City in taking the leadership in inaugurating this first simultaneous evangelistic series of meetings in the provinces.

The unity, sympathy, harmony and co-operation of the churches and pastors must be an unspeakable blessing to the cause of Christ in St. John. I have no hesitation in saying that because of past experiences in evangelistic campaigns and being in close touch with the campaign here, I am in a position to give a just estimate of the value and importance of the St. John simultaneous meetings.

There has been a great movement in every way. St. John is a city of churches and church going people. All the meetings have been attended by large gatherings, in many instances the churches where the group meetings were held were inadequate to accommodate the great congregations.

I pay the highest tribute to the ministers of St. John I have been intimately associated with in this campaign. All have manifested the spirit of sympathy and hearty co-operation and labored earnestly that the work might be carried on to its complete victory.

I wish to express my great appreciation of the loyalty and devotion of all the evangelists and gospel singers. I thank the people of St. John for their interest and valued assistance in the cause of Christ and for the civic betterment of their splendid city.

I am glad I came to St. John and so long a time shall I shall not forget the kindness of the people of your great city.

Special Services Which Have Been Attended by Countless Thousands Have Resulted in Untold Good in St. John--What the Leading Workers Have to Say About the Movement.



From Left to Right--Rear Row--H. H. Hare, F. A. Bowdoin, C. F. Allen, Rev. Geo. Wood, Rev. A. J. Smith, E. K. Nattiger, F. M. Lamb. Middle Row--O. S. Grey, Rev. M. S. Rees, Rev. A. B. Winchester, Rev. W. A. Cameron, Rev. Charles Sykes, Rev. F. A. Robinson, William Matheson. Front Row--Lawrence Greenwood, Rev. Duncan McPhie, A. N. Peters.

SINGERS NEVER HAD SUCH A RECEPTION SAYS CHAS. F. ALLEN

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In all my experience I have not known a greater reception given to the singers of the gospel. Men and women have fought for standing room at the great song-service. We have had splendid assistance from many of the best local talent. Nearly all of the churches and churches where the group meetings were held were inadequate to accommodate the great congregations.

W. C. CROSS.

Mr. W. C. Cross of St. Stephen's group said: "The simultaneous campaign is the best conducted religious effort I have ever known in St. John to reach the general public. I consider the presentation of the gospel has been straightforward, resulting in the deepening of the spiritual life on the part of professing Christians of St. John. I feel that those who have confessed conversion have not been unduly influenced or their emotions worked upon as was the custom with evangelistic services some 15 or 20 years ago."

THE CAMPAIGN BEGUN

Tonight the curtain falls on the first act of the religious drama being played in St. John. Up till the present the Simultaneous Campaign has been chiefly of a preliminary nature. It is true that the three weeks of meetings have been made particularly attractive and have been of untold benefit to the churches in putting new life into the regular work, but the principal opportunity of the movement is still to come. The services of the past few weeks have been chiefly for the purpose of inducing those who previously have been disinterested to take a more active interest in the affairs of their own churches, and intensify the enthusiasm of those who had already been numbered among the workers. Having thus aroused a wider appreciation of the work of the church and more general interest in the religious effort as a whole, the various groups which have been engaged will resume their individuality as churches and will devote to the campaign a closer personal attention than has been possible while the meetings have been in progress.

The group meetings have only prepared the way, the real work is still to come, and pastors and personal workers encouraged by the remarkable enthusiasm which has been developed will go forward with greater energy and determination than previously existed. It is a mistake to say that the campaign is closing. It is equally erroneous to endeavor at the present time, to estimate the results. What has been accomplished cannot be known for months yet, but the effect of these services will be appreciated in an awakened activity in religious affairs, apparent only through time to those most closely concerned, and realized best by the men and women who have been influenced. As to the services themselves there can be nothing but the warmest praise for the manner in which they have been conducted. There has been a wholly gratifying sincerity on the part of churches and clergy in this effort. There has been an absolute freedom from any of those petty disagreements or prejudices which are so often found in religious work. There has been heartiness of co-operation, an unselfishness, and a cheerful optimism which could not but impress even those to whom campaigns of this sort are usually distasteful. The Evangelists, speakers, and singers, brought here from other cities have been without exception, men of marked ability. Opportunity has been afforded for the enjoyment of addresses and of music of a high standard and in addition to the spiritual benefits which might accrue from these meetings, a great deal of pleasure has been offered St. John audiences. Indeed the whole campaign has been conducted in a manner which entitles its promoters to the hearty congratulations of everyone. Business methods have been introduced, and under capable organization the whole plan has been carried out without a hitch. As anticipated, it took some time to arouse the people of this city to a full appreciation of what was offered them, but during the past week they have realized their privileges and the meetings have been particularly enthusiastic. It is stated that on the average no larger audiences have ever greeted the evangelists who were heard in St. John than those which attended the services held here, nor has there been anything lacking to make the meetings what the highest aspirations of those in charge.

SIMPLY DELIGHTED WITH ST. JOHN, SAYS DR. REES, OF CARLETON

REV. MILTON S. REES.

St. John has been a most interesting city to me, and the people most delightful. Rev. W. A. Cameron, president of St. John, had told me much about the city, being one of the pastors at our meetings at Dover, N. H., but all of my anticipations have been more than realized. I have been impressed with the attitude of the city towards the high ideals of the church and services, especially towards the forward movement. The unity of the churches, the devotion and ability of the pastors, the number, character and high standard of the daily papers with the large amount of space given daily to the work has been almost without a parallel. The group idea is most effective, making it possible for all who desire to attend a service near their home. We are all thankful, and have been most impressed with the quiet, wise, strong and most excellent leadership of Mr. Duncan A. McPhie of Boston. How strong and efficient the leadership of the music has been. The Saturday night concerts have been marvelous in attendance, interest and power under the leadership of Chas. F. Allen. Surely this cold, invigorating climate has developed a vigorous and high type among men and women. We have received the kindest consideration and most faithful co-operation from many.

CHAIRMAN FLANDERS HIGHLY SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS
Dr. C. R. Flanders, General Chairman, Discusses the Movement as it was Felt in the Centenary Group--No Praise too High for Eloquent Speakers and Accomplished Singers

DR. C. R. FLANDERS.

The demonstration of the true value of the Evangelistic Campaign to St. John is in the future. Some of its benefits are already in evidence. One might mention the salutary object lesson it teaches in the unity and harmony of the spiritual forces engaged in it. Even the most unamphibiotic critic must have been compelled to admit repeatedly the goodness and pleasantness of brethren dwelling together in unity. That a profound impression has been made upon our citizens is one can deny. Hundreds, openly and many more in secret have been seriously asking the question, "What must I do to be saved?" To my mind the chief benefit of the campaign which is now apparent is in the quickening of the churches. In view of this I am looking for much greater results than are now in evidence. It is a significant fact that already the churches that have been most devoted and zealous are reaping the largest harvest.

In the Centenary group the work has progressed quietly and harmoniously. Rev. C. A. Sykes has proved himself a strong, evangelistic and attractive preacher who steadily grew in the people's esteem. Mr. Nattiger's singing has been highly appreciated and his fact and skill as a director of the musical exercises have been much admired. These men have won a warm place in the hearts of the people of this city in the dragging of the net, some have been caught. How well they may be cured is now the most serious problem of all.

Two facts incidental to the campaign should be emphasized both of importance although one of far greater moment than the other. I recently heard one city described as "a songless town." This campaign has shown conclusively that if this be true it certainly is not through any lack of beautiful voices or of a taste for music. If St. John could lay hands upon an Allen to train our children in the public schools and to promote great services of song our people would soon find their voices and our churches would resound with congregational singing.

The other fact is of more moment and was emphasized in the other day by the editor of one of our city papers. In spite of the modern views of Christianity and the developments of higher criticism the simple story of the Gospel is more attractive than ever to the great mass of men who are concerned about the saving of their lives. The crowded churches of the last three weeks and the eagerness with which all classes of men and women have listened to the preaching of the Gospel bear witness to this.

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