

BAPTISTS MEET IN CONFERENCE

Phonograph and Telephone Cause Decrease in Rural Church Attendance. NO LIVING WAGE Resolved to Ask a One Thousand Dollar Minimum.

Opening with a conference of ministers held yesterday afternoon at the Jarvis Street Baptist Church, the 13th annual convention of Ontario and Quebec was launched. Jos. N. Shennone was in the chair and the devotional services were led by Rev. J. W. Gregory. The opening address was given by Rev. Professor J. L. Gilmour, D.D., who spoke on problems growing out of the war. Among the things to be considered, said the speaker, was the welfare of the returned soldier who should always receive the right treatment. Dr. Gilmour also touched upon sympathy for those affected by the war, on the subject of the atonement, the revival of religion and the need for recruits for the ministry. Discussion followed.

Various aspects of rural problems were touched upon by Rev. G. N. Simmons, B.A. The gist of the address was the decline of churches in country places. The speaker told of 290 rural churches, showing that some were on the decline, others defunct and still others stagnant. Out of 87 that had been investigated only 21 show growth. The speaker pointed out that when a missionary goes to India he tries to learn the history and customs of the people. The same thing should be done at home in addition to preaching the gospel. The introduction of machinery, the decrease in the number of children in a family and the introduction into the home of musical instruments and the telephone were all factors in the decline of the rural church. To make the country church a more desirable place, to encourage more intelligent farming and to increase the salary of the minister were recommended by the speaker.

Small Memberships. That the hope of Canada lies in the open country, was the opening statement of Rev. J. Pollock, who told of 25 churches which had a membership of 75 or less, and half of the churches in the open country have a membership of less than 100. Conventions of this kind are held in the open country to give the speaker a salary of \$501, in 1917 it was \$740. The summing up of the address was that life in the country today was too utilitarian and that human personality and a change of heart is the solution.

The chairman pointed out that one cause for lack of interest of the pastor was that the majority look for town pastorates. He also drew attention to the figure quoted by the speaker as not including the keep of a horse, which means \$150 a year, also that taking the high cost of living into account the rural pastor today is 110 per cent. behind what he was ten years ago financially.

Resolution, introduced by Mr. Connors and moved by Rev. J. B. Kennedy, was, after some discussion, adopted, the meeting asking that in May, 1919, the minimum salary be \$1000. A breeze stirred in the gathering when Mr. Kennedy said that the difficulty of the churches all came about because of inequality of service, that the rural pastor in many cases was poorly paid while the professional in the city had a high salary. One of the speakers interrupted with the statement that the profession in the city does not get value for their talents and attainments. To this Mr. Kennedy assented, but said there were ministers in the country about whom the same might be said.

A report of the committee on ministers conferred in the afternoon session. The appointment of scrutineers and a nominating committee, together with the president's address, was the work of the evening meetings.

LARGER MEMBERSHIP FOR CITY BAPTISTS

Century Baptist Church shows an increase of forty-four new members during the year, which makes the total membership 561. The expenses for the year were \$5500, and there is a balance on hand of \$60,349.00 was contributed towards missions.

Pape Avenue Baptist Church shows a slight balance on hand in its financial report, and an increase of \$740 in the total receipts over last year. The total receipts for the past year were \$2876.

First Avenue Baptist Church reports an increase in its membership of forty-eight, and an increase in the receipts over the previous year of \$490. There are 750 on the roll of the Sunday school, and the department of the church has raised a special offering of \$358.

Fifty-one new members is the number of increase for the year of Bloor Avenue Baptist Church. In its twelfth annual report the local expenses are given as \$4450, and \$4991 was contributed to missions. There is a small balance on hand, and \$600 has been paid on account of the mortgage on the building.

ORANGE LODGE OFFICERS.

At the annual meeting of the Loyal Orange District Lodge of Centre Toronto, held last night, the following officers were elected: District master, H. M. Booth; D.D.M., Ira Smith; D. chaplain, Rev. J. H. McElroy; D. R. secretary, W. F. McKell; D. P. secretary, John Mills; D. treasurer, F. Power; D. D. of C., J. McLaren; D. G. members, J. T. Jennings and R. G. Franklin; auditors, A. Harris, B. Kirk, J. Jennings. Deputy County Master, H. Elliott was in the chair during election and officers were installed by M. W. Bro. W. Lee, grand secretary, British America.

ALD. COWAN FOR BOARD OF HEALTH.

Ald. A. Cowan was yesterday elected chairman of the board of health. Mayor Church presided at the meeting and nominated Ald. Cowan for the position. There were no other nominations. Ald. Cowan was last year a member of the board. The committee decided to meet on the second Thursday of each month.

TWELVE LADS FOUND GUILTY OF BURGLARY

Twelve husky lads ranging in age from 16 to 18 appeared before Judge Winchester in the sessions yesterday, charged with shopbreaking during the police strike. According to the police they had operated mostly in the east end of the city, and had stolen about \$1000 worth of manicure sets, cameras, chocolates and tobacco. One of the youths, Fred Plewes, had served 27 months in France, and had been invalidated for wounds, but having a previous criminal record, he was sent to the Jail Farm for 30 days. Others of the gang were received 30 days were P. Jones, Arthur Turner, and Percy Davies. Two, Wilfred Roblin and Charles Driscoll were given six months' at the same place, while those were allowed to go on suspended sentence, on condition that they reported once a month to the police: Albert Parsons, Clarence Bowen, Fred Shaw, Louis Reeves, George Dixon and Duncan McColl.

PLAYS, PICTURES AND MUSIC.

George Arliss Coming. George Arliss, who is appearing at the Princess next week a most noteworthy and unusual double bill, the brilliant comedy, "The Mollusc," by Hubert Henry Davies and "The Remembered Voice," Sir James M. Barrie's latest bit of dramatic writing, demonstrated beyond peradventure how great an artist he is. One is bright jolly devil-may-care; the other is pathetic, saddened by grief, but both are perfectly realized by the actor. Mr. Arliss is admirably supported by a particularly capable company. The sale of seats opens at the box office this morning.

The coming week in Toronto will be a busy one for Harry Lauder, the Scotch minstrel. In addition to the six night performances scheduled at the Royal Alexandra there will be matinees Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The sale of seats for the Lauder engagement will open this morning. The advance mail orders, it is announced, are already large and indicate that the extension of the engagement at the Royal Alexandra to a full week, instead of only three days, to which it was limited at the time of Lauder's last visit to Toronto, was well advised.

"My Honolulu Girl" at Grand. "My Honolulu Girl," the new Hawaiian musical comedy, which was presented in Toronto for the first time at the Grand next week, is a production of distinction, filled to the brim with clean comedy, popular songs, hits and refreshing lines and presented by a company of remarkable ability. The Hawaiian atmosphere which pervades the piece is accentuated by the appearance of a troupe of native musicians, singers and dancers. "My Honolulu Girl" will be presented at popular prices and matinees will be given Wednesday and Saturday at Shea's Theatre-Vaudeville.

At the big vaudeville house next week Shea's Theatre will see one of the biggest and best bits of the week headed by the great dancing spectacle, "Hands Across the Sea." This is the title of a new and elaborate production which the Misses Estelle and Adelaide Lovenberg and Simon Neary, with a company of fifteen singers, dancers and musicians, are bringing to vaudeville. The special extra attraction on the bill for the week is Kate Eldmore and Sam Williams in a "Kiss in the Rain." The latest film, "Branding Broadway," at Loew's Theatre and Winter Garden next week, he is seen in a dress suit for the first time in his screen career. Another statement of the Dominion Government films, "Famous Canadian Battalions in France," presents the 7th Infantry Battalion, British Columbia, which played a glorious part in the second battle of Ypres. The celebrated Golden Troupe, a rare combination of European entertainers, offering varied entertainment, and Great Howard, Scotland's foremost ventriloquist, presenting "Somewhere in France," will give the week's headline honors. Other bookings include: Dix and Dixie, versatile entertainers; Calvein and Thornton, in "At Pier Pyre"; Walton and Keating, "The Long and Short of It"; Adele Oswald, presenting "The Woman of It," and other entertaining novelties.

Tom Mix, the sensational William Fox star, and peer of all western character actors, will be featured at beginning of the vaudeville bill which will be seen in the latest Victory picture, "Fame and Fortune." It is replete with thrills and excitement of the season's newest song successes, from beginning to end. His Girls of Europe, featuring melange, Lee Zarrell and company in acrobatic feats; Gaultiano and Marguerite in Hawaiian songs and instrumental numbers; John P. Clarke, monologist, and the Pathe news and comedy are also included in the bill.

"Cheer Up, America"—Gayety. Max Gavelin's all-American military revue, "Cheer Up, America," a whirl of fun and laughter, produced by Private William H. Smith, who staged "Yip Yaphank," the American success for the boys' Camp Upton, will be the attraction at the Gayety Theatre next week. In "Cheer Up, America" there is an abundance of variety and quality, and the production in its entirety represents a large investment; the costumes, scenery and the electrical investments themselves being on a par with those provided in a two-dollar attraction.

"Auto Girls"—Star. Simonds and his "Auto Girls" is the announcement for the Star Theatre, beginning with a matinee Monday, Jan. 18. This famous musical burlesque show comes this season with the standard favorites, Carol Sherwood, Billy Wild and James J. Lake, reinforced by a large company of clever comedians and a bevy of pretty girls who know how to sing and dance. It is "The Rainbow Girl," Renold Wolf wrote the book and lyrics, basing his story on Jerome K. Jerome's comedy, "Fanny and the Servant Problem," which made a tremendous hit several years ago. Both Lyndy plays the title role, and then comes Billy E. Van and Sidney Greenly in the chief comedy parts.

"Everman's Castle" Coming. "Everman's Castle," with an all-star cast, will be the attraction at the Royal Alexandra for the week of Jan. 27. The presentation will be made under the direction of H. A. Frazer, and the cast will be headed by Robert Edison, Wilton Lackaye, Pauline Ford, Catherine Kaehler, Ruth Findlay, Richard Taber and others equally well known. Reserve seats will be placed on sale next Thursday.

Knights of Malta Veterans Entertained by Commandery. St. John's Commandery, No. 1, Knights of Malta, held a reception for their returned soldier brethren last evening. There was a record attendance from the five city commanderies. Sir Alex. Kay, commander, welcomed the veterans. Those present included the grand master, Ald. J. A. Cowan; Thomas Jenkins, E.C.M.; W. Bewley, P.G. Prior, and Grand Chancellor H. Bentley. A smoker followed.

FORTHCOMING AGRICULTURAL MEETINGS. Conventions and meetings under the Ontario Department of Agriculture will be held on the following dates: Annual meeting of the directors of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association, Jan. 21. Annual convention of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association, Jan. 22. Annual meeting of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, Jan. 23. Annual convention of the Ontario Horticultural Association, Feb. 5, 6 and 7. Annual convention of the Ontario Association of Fairs and Exhibitions, Feb. 13 and 14.

Tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, at Massey Hall, seats for the forthcoming recital by Mme. Helen Stanley and Maurice Dambois, will be placed on sale. The recital is under the auspices of the Women's Musical Club, and the net proceeds will be devoted to the permanent Canadian military relief. Mme. Stanley is one of America's most prominent dramatic sopranos and will undoubtedly prove an exceptional treat while Maurice Dambois, a celebrated Belgian cellist, comes with remarkable success already achieved.

National Chorus Concert. A program of rare attractiveness will be presented at the sixteenth annual concert by the National Chorus at Massey Hall on Thursday evening of next week. In addition to a magnificent choral program, the occasion will be featured by the appearance of the noted Russian violinist, Etrom Zimbalist, who is now numbered among the artists of world-wide renown. A distinguished audience is assured. The governor-general and party making a special trip from Ottawa for the event. The subscribers plan will open tomorrow for the higher-priced seats, the dollar tickets being exchanged on Saturday.

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