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KEEP CHURCHES FROM BECOMING PICTURE SHOWS

Methodists Warn Against
Modern Tendency

Lay Movement Scores—List
of Candidates for Ministry
in the Toronto Conference.

(Toronto Globe.)

"When anyone thinks that the gospel is not enough to attract men and turns to other means, he makes the subject of the gospel less attractive to the world. I know the temptation that exists to turn our churches into theatres and moving picture shows,

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where there would be a maximum of entertainment and a minimum of preaching." In the course of a stirring address before the members of the Toronto Methodist conference last night, when he formally moved that seventeen young men be received into full connection with the church, Rev. I. G. Bowles, B. A., D. D., uttered the above words as he called upon those who sought connection with the church to be true to the fundamental truths of the

gospel and the faith once delivered to the saints. "If God has put you into the ministry, see to it that God does not take you out," the speaker said, when he dwelt on the responsibility of a minister remaining faithful to his trust, no matter what the obstacles and the discouragements that he might meet.

List of the Ordained.

The following were received into full connection with the church, and will be ordained into the ministry on Sunday morning, with the exception of the first three, who had been previously ordained: Hercules B. Burwell, B. A., Frank Sullivan, Alexander Halbert, Wilfrid L. Cullen, B. A., Alex. E. Baker, D. D., Robert, William H. Summerle, Samuel Littlewood, Norman Rawson, Roscoe T. Chapin, B. A., Malcolm S. Elliott, B. A., Robert George Davison, Frank Wesley Newell, B. A.

The following were received at the request of the Alberta conference: Norman Lesley Whitmore, William J. H. Houston, John E. Elison and, at the request of the Saskatchewan conference, Arthur Cross.

Doubts Their Value.

"We may as well get away from the notion that an orchestra, a moving picture or an organ can build up the kingdom of God," Rev. Samuel Selley thus expressed himself in reply to a clause in the report of the Lay Association at the afternoon meeting of the conference dealing with ways and means to make the evening service more attractive to the man in the street. The report of the Lay Association, which was presented by T. W. Dugan, contained a clause recommending that the evening services be offered more on an evanistic nature and that something in the way of gospel hymns be introduced to make the service more attractive. The discussion that the question provoked centred around the best means to produce the desired result and get the unchurched masses to attend the evening service. The entire feeling of the conference was absolutely opposed to the introduction of any methods that savored of the sensational.

Too Much Overlapping.

Speaking of the recommendation in the report that a boundaries commission be appointed, Dr. Routley of Maple stated that if there was one place where the Methodist church fell down it was in having a duplication of churches in various districts. What was needed was to eliminate overlapping from districts that were at present served by as many as half a dozen churches where one would suffice. The clause in the lay report recommending the appointment of such a commission.

On the invitation of the Methodist church, Orilla was chosen as the meeting place of the conference next year. "The great menace to the sanctity of the Lord's Day at the present time is the Sunday theatre," declared D. W. Snider, secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, in presenting his report on the work of the alliance. The big theatre combines have money to burn, according to the speaker, and will put up a fight

TEXTILES FROM POTATO LEAVES

The recent discovery of the adaptability of potato leaves for textile purposes is commented on at length in the Hamburgischer Börsen-Halle. Should results justify expectations, Germany will be rendered independent to a large extent of foreign textiles, since 40 per cent of the cotton imported by her before the war will be done away with. When it is realized that the yearly sum total of 6,000,000 marks apportioned for that purpose would, under present exchange conditions, constitute as many millions, the significance of the new invention becomes apparent.

In 1914, potatoes were cultivated to the extent of 346,000 hectares. The average yield per hectare in potato leaves is 15-2 cwt., and the collective figure 5,000,000 tons. About 80 per cent of this weight is moisture in the leaves. The amount of textile fibres that will be extracted from the remainder is estimated at 280,000 tons, or nearly the half of the cotton imports of 1913. These calculations are, of course, wholly theoretical, being dependent upon two factors—the re-establishment of the 1914 standard of potato cultivation and the success of the new procedure. A certain general attitude of cynicism is prevalent with regard to the discovery of new substitute textiles, but one thing must be said in support of the potato fibre, and that is that its raw stuff is existent in great quantities and does not, as in the case of the nettle, require special plantation. Further, the gathering of the leaves will not retard the potato harvest, but it can be done subsequently. Upon an efficient drying and transport scheme the main success of the procedure depends.

**ECONOMIC EFFECTS
OF PROHIBITION**
(Christian Science Monitor.)
Duluth, Minnesota—Large savings have been effected in Duluth and neighboring territory through the operation of prohibition, which practically went into effect in this city three years ago this month as the result of a referendum. Daily arrests are not much over half what they were in license times. The county workhouse with its 1,000 acres of land has become a perplexing problem to the commissioners. The inmates have been so few in number in the past three years that half the farm has been leased to other interests rather than allow the land to return to a wild state. At Coleraine, a mining town on the Mesabi range, the jail has become so unnecessary that the town council has decided to transform it into a municipal club-room and present it to the Coleraine Club. The council has arranged to equip the building with shower baths, reading rooms, recreation rooms and other accessories of a modern clubhouse. In order to fulfill the demands of the law a very small section will be reserved as a jail. The Duluth police and officials have been very active in enforcing the prohibition law with the result that arrests for violations have steadily diminished in the last few months.

Banks in Former Saloons.

St. Louis, Missouri—Four former saloons in New Orleans, Louisiana, are now branch houses of the Hibernia Bank and Trust Company, according to an article published in the "Mid-Continent Banker," which says: "One thing that was not stipulated in the prohibition amendment was what disposition should be made of saloons,

bars, cafes, et cetera. This apparently was left to local option. "But down in New Orleans the Hibernia Bank and Trust Company has made four decisions on this question, namely, four branch houses or banking institutions which formerly were wet goods retail stores. And so in the year 1 A. P. (meaning the first year after prohibition) these four trust emporiums have been converted into substantial up-to-date banking offices. Thus the Hibernia Bank is answering in a very practical and constructive manner the age-old question which prevailed B. F.

(before prohibition)—What will become of the real estate now occupied by saloons if prohibition succeeds? Is a well-appointed banking house preferable to a saloon? The Hibernia Bank says yes."

Jail Used by County Agents.
Chicago, Illinois—Two county jails in Pennsylvania, practically depopulated because of the operation of prohibition, are being used to the economic advantage of the agricultural interests of the state, according to an article in the National Stockman and Farmer. One county agricultural agent has established his office and headquarters in a county jail emptied by prohibition while another county jail, also depopulated by the dry laws, has been taken over by a county agent as a home for himself and family.

Jail Inmates Disappearing.
Sacramento, California—For the first time in twenty years there was not one white prisoner in the city jail on May 17. There has been a gradual drop in the number of arrests since the advent of prohibition. At the county jail it is reported that the percentage of inmates has dropped at least 40 per cent since the nation went dry.



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