

LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT IN MISSION CAUSE

Was the Theme In the Presbyterian Churches of
Hamilton Yesterday.

Toronto Laymen Spoke Throughout City--Special
Services In Other Churches.

The Presbyterian Church of this city started on its campaign in the interests of the Laymen's Missionary Movement yesterday. There were large congregations in most of the churches, and very instructive addresses were delivered by representative laymen from Toronto. In Central Church, Mr. John A. Patterson, K. C., addressed a large congregation at the morning service. He said that he considered it a privilege to be able to speak in such a large and influential church as Central, on such an important subject. He had not prepared any special text for the address, as the subject covered such a variety of topics. Nevertheless, so that he would not be out of order, Mr. Patterson said he would choose as his text, "Have I been long time with you, and dost thou not know me, Philip?"

In the course of his remarks Mr. Patterson said that the whole Christian world could be likened unto Philip, as having been with the Master, but not knowing Him, or His good works. Mr. Patterson was of the opinion that there were more Christless men in this generation than there had been for centuries past. What is wanted in the world today is more business men who are Christians. In every sense of the word. If it needs a clear and level-headed business man to be a success in the business world, the same thing can be applied to the religion of Jesus Christ. More business men with brains are needed to carry on the work of the Master. Mr. Patterson likened the church universal as being the most stupendous trust in the world today. It has to do with the evangelization of the men of this generation, and that is one of the grandest and greatest works that has to be accomplished by any man or woman. It needs the best in a man for the completion of such a task. Truth is truth the world over, but the application and principles of truth may be different.

Mr. Patterson said that women always had been and always will be an important factor in the missionary work, and even the children are to be commended for their excellent work. If one was to take the references in the Bible to missions out of it, it would be left in shreds. There must be life and energy and purpose in the progress of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, and the tendency must be to go forward. The object of the movement is to do the largest thing in the world to which anybody has any connection. Mr. Patterson gave a short history of the development of the movement in Toronto, and showed how by the enthusiasm in the churches of many denominations the sum of \$500,000 had been pledged towards the success of the movement. He considered that Hamilton should proportionately give a great deal more than Toronto.

In the evening Mr. Patterson spoke in the interest of the same cause in St. John's Presbyterian Church.

Mr. H. D. Gordon, an architect, of Toronto, delivered two very interesting and inspiring addresses in connection with the same campaign. In the morning he spoke at St. Andrew's Church, and in the evening he addressed the congregation of the Sherman Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Gordon spent several years in China, Japan and Korea, leaving China soon after the Boxer troubles began, and he was able to speak of the condition of affairs in the far east in a way that can come only from personal observation. In regard to the present movement, he said that it will be successful if the laymen of the church come to a full realization of their duty, place the message of Christ in an intelligent way before the entire world in this generation will require a threefold increase in the number of missionaries and a four-fold increase in the amount of gifts.

The present movement, he considered, is due largely to the students' volunteer movement. Hundreds of Christian young people have offered their services to carry the light to dark corners of the earth, and the thing needed to send them is money. Now it is up to the members of the churches to provide the money needed. As soon as they fully realize their stewardship the money will be forthcoming. He considered that the opportunities for spreading the Gospel of Christ in China now were good, as the Chinese are awakening from their long sleep. If the Gospel can be triumphantly placed before the 13,000 Chinese students in Japan, their influence for good will be great when they return to their respective homes. Japan, too, realizes that it requires a new ethical civilization, but the Japs are not as open to accept the help of the foreigner as are the Chinese or the people of Korea. Christianity has made wonderful strides in Korea, and today there are over 100,000 Christians, whose churches are self-supporting.

At MacNab Street Presbyterian Church yesterday morning Mr. J. P. Henderson, General Manager of the Bank of Toronto, occupied the pulpit, and gave a lucid explanation of the Presbyterian laymen's movement. He said that it was proposed that the Presbyterian Church raise \$400,000 annually, and this could be done in a very simple manner. Ten cents a day for every member would make up the four amounts asked for each year, he said, and he did not think that that was asking too much. Special music was rendered by the choir, and there was a large turnout of members and adherents at both services.

In the evening Mr. Henderson spoke in St. James' Church.

Mr. Thomas W. Gibson, Deputy Minister of Mines, was the speaker at St. Paul's Church in the morning, and at Erskine in the evening. He dealt with the Laymen's Missionary Movement in an able and interesting way.

Centenary Church

The public service in the Centenary Church yesterday morning was full of special interest. The anthem, "Hark, Hark, My Soul," by Shelley, was rendered with fine effect. The duet, "The Lord's My Shepherd," was charming and beautiful, and full of spiritual appeal. The sermon by the pastor was strong, and produced evident effect on the

listening multitude. His subject, "The Beginning of Christ's Ministry," found its proper setting in the town of Nazareth, where the Master spent His early days. Jesus entered the synagogue and read the scriptures from the prophet Isaiah, declaring the prediction of the prophet concerning what would be done by the world's Messiah at His coming was at that moment beginning to be. "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears," the salient truths brought out were of the most practical form. Why was the Master so successful among men? Why such constant majesty of self possession? Because of the anointing of the spirit of God. Here dwells the secret of true spiritual success in all departments of true religious ministry. What did the Master come to do? "To preach the gospel to the poor." Here the preacher gave a fine detailed description of the law of comparison how the poor are rated to-day from a worldly standpoint. Then he deftly turned to the other side of the picture, of the reality of things, showing there can be no real poverty in the life of that man who is in possession of the bread of life. Man doth live by bread alone. There is the short life that now is, but there is the other life to come. Death is not a period, but a mere comma in the march to immortality. "There is no death; what seems so is transition." Abraham cried to God from the depths of domestic poverty, being childless, but God answered, "Fear not, I am thy great reward. I am thy real pay, and no man can be poor, in any sense, nor from any standpoint, who holds partnership with God through Jesus Christ. There are men, and there are men, so there are different classes of riches, but the pearl of great price is the truest and best riches which cometh down from above. From a worldly standpoint every man cannot be great, but from the highest standpoint every man may be good, and it is equally so in the law of comparison between true poverty and true riches. What else? "He came to heal the broken-hearted." Here the preacher gave a pathetic description of many who belong to the all-dwelling class of people who meet with reverses in fighting the battles of human life.

Mission Work in India.

Rev. J. C. Brown, D. D., spoke at James' Street Baptist Church last night on India. His subject was a wide one, and he did it full justice. His sermon was taken up mostly with an explanation of the missionary work at present going on in India, and the speaker and the natives delighted in till they were reached by the missionaries, who had a long and uphill fight to reform them. Their beliefs were dealt with, being many and varied. The work of the missionaries in far off India is one of unceasing toil and trouble. Disease is never absent, and in teaching the gospel the brave men sent out there have to run all kinds of risks and help cure unfortunate natives who would not suffer as they do if they were clean.

There was a large attendance at each of the services.

At Simcoe Street.

Yesterday Trustees' anniversary services were held in Simcoe Street Methodist Church. Rev. J. W. Cooley, of Grimsby, preached at both services. At the morning service he took as his text Romans xv. 13: "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." Through all the trials of the Jew, the attitude of hope in God was ever evident, and this fact is seen in his character up till the present day. In all periods of his life he has measured life by the God he worships. Those who worship a god of force, of lust, of craft, of cruelty, always become like their ideal. We often think of God as love, but we seldom consider Him as the God of hope. God is full of hope. To the majority of mankind life is a struggle against adversity, and only when the God of hope is present can we look to the future with confidence. Religion is the true source of hope. The man who has the most of God will always have hope in his heart. True religion can never be sad or depressed. The Gospel gives hope of a changed society, of a pure life, and ultimately of a heaven of love. The test of religion is the hopefulness and brightness that enters into our life, and the way to banish sin is to work hopefully, to pray hopefully, and to live hopefully. The liquor traffic and kindred evils must be fought persistently and hopefully, and the result must be the ultimate overthrow of this evil.

In the evening Rev. Mr. Cooley preached a very helpful and inspiring sermon to a large and interested congregation.

The services will be concluded to-night, when the annual tea-meeting will be held. S. F. Lazier, K. C., will occupy the chair, and W. H. Wardrope, K. C., will deliver an address on "Canadian Citizenship."

Rev. S. E. Marshall Here.

Rev. S. E. Marshall, a former pastor of Barton Street Methodist Church, preached at both services in First Methodist Church yesterday, and his sermons were enjoyed by large congregations. In the evening his subject was "The Kingliness of Courage," and his remarks were particularly to young men on having the courage of their convictions in society, in business and in every walk of life.

CASTORIA.

Beam the Signature of *Castoria*. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Free Delivery at St. Thomas.

St. Thomas, Ont., Feb. 23.—Mayor Geddes, of this city, received information yesterday from the Postmaster-General, Ottawa, that St. Thomas will be given free mail delivery at an early date.

The Daily Fashion Hint.



One of the newest blouses of sheer handkerchief linen. Valenciennes lace and insertion. Small turquoise studs fasten the front and cuff.

ON NOVEL READING.

Prof. Alexander Addressed the
Hamilton Teachers' Association.

At the closing session of the Hamilton Teachers' Association's Convention on Saturday afternoon, Prof. W. J. Alexander, of Toronto University, delivered an interesting address on "Novel Reading." and Rev. Canon Abbott spoke on "Optimism." In the course of his address Prof. Alexander said much of the novel reading indulged in to-day is largely a waste of time. This was due largely to the class of novels read. Great benefit and culture can be obtained from reading novels of the higher type such as those from the pen of Sir Walter Scott.

The election of officers for the Association resulted as follows: President—Mr. E. S. Hogarth. Vice-President—Mr. T. L. Kinrade. Secretary—Miss Taylor. Management Committee—Mr. A. J. Hill, and Messrs T. Smith, Booker, Robertson, Lawson.

A CHINESE NOAH.

Made Money Out of the Story of the Flood.

Berlin, Feb. 23.—The German press has received a story about a Chinese Noah which has the great advantage of being authentic. In the Province of Szechuen lived a man on the banks of the Yangtse River who had frequent visions. To most of his narratives of visions his neighbors paid little attention, but when he began to tell them that his celestial friends had warned him of an approaching deluge, they began to look gloomy. He told them they must prepare for it by building a huge ark.

Some thousands of men contributed money, wood, nails and other materials. Our friend was true to his word. The ark was a mighty vessel when finished, with several storeys and a great store of food.

The fatal day came and the ark filled with panicking Chinese. The sky was clear and the river showed no sign of rising, but the change might come at any moment, and they decided to remain in the ark. A day or two passed and still no sign of catastrophe.

Then they began to look about for the visionary, but he was nowhere to be found. It is believed that he is prophesying in some other province.

CAUGHT FROM HIS PIPE.

Abbe Blais Burned to Death at Three Rivers.

Three Rivers, Que., Feb. 23.—Abbe Elie Blais met his death on Saturday afternoon under peculiar circumstances. The reverend gentleman, who suffered from paralysis, was a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital. It is supposed he was enjoying his after-dinner pipe and fell asleep, letting the pipe fall, which set fire to his clothes. When assistance reached him life was almost extinct, his face, head and shoulders being badly burned. He died shortly afterwards. Deceased was fifty-eight years of age and was born in Yamacheche.

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WOODBURN

A very enthusiastic meeting of the patrons of the Woodburn cheese factory was held on Friday evening in the cheese factory. E. J. Twiss very ably occupied the chair, and W. L. Dougherty acted as secretary for the meeting.

After the usual business was transacted, the chairman called on Cheese Inspector Green for a few remarks. Mr. Green in his address dwelt upon the importance of cleanliness of the farmer in regard to his milk cans and milk stand. He spoke for some length of time, advising the patrons how to secure more and better milk. He paid a compliment to the maker, Mr. Thomson, by saying that he was one of the best cheese makers under his supervision. He also advised heating the whey to a temperature of 165 degrees to make it hold its sweetness. After his address the motion was put to the patrons and carried that the whey for the coming season should be so heated, if possible to do so with the present boiler.

Mr. Ord, manager of the Traders Bank at Hamilton, and Mr. Steele, manager of the Traders Bank at Stoney Creek, were present, being the bankers for the cheese factory company. Both gave short, instructing addresses.

The officers for the following year were elected, as follows:

Directors, A. Jarvis, J. Guyatt, A. Mitchell, J. Tossell, W. Ridge.

Salesman, W. B. Thomson.

Secretary-Treasurer, W. L. Dougherty.

Auditors, W. J. Guyatt, E. J. Twiss.

The meeting closed, leaving the prospects of the factory for another season in a very bright condition. The Inspector will visit the factory next season as usual, and also intends visiting more of the farms, and trying to increase the quality of the milk.

WINSLOW

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Naegarth and Mr. and Mrs. John Lyburner visited friends at Attercliffe on Thursday evening last. Mr. Esol Springstead, of Grimsby, was in this section on business on Friday last.

Mr. Adam Beumer had a very close call by fire on Wednesday night last. He lost his feed cooking house and woodshed, two new buggy tops, and about sixteen cords of stove wood.

The many friends of Mrs. E. Loomis-bury, of Winslow, will regret very much hearing of her sudden death, which took place on Wednesday last, Feb. 19.

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Hamilton's Headquarters

For shaving supplies is Gerrie's Drug Store, 32 James street north. Most complete stock, including Gillette razors, \$5. Gem safety \$2.50. With safety \$1.50. Every-ready safety \$1. King Shaver and carb-magnetic (best sold) \$2. King Cutter \$1.25, and many other kinds; also razor hones, clippers, Adonis Hed-Rub, June-clover, and an immense stock of high-grade razor strops.

The worse the temper the more its owner minds losing it.

THE RIGHT HOUSE

HAMILTON'S FAVORITE SHOPPING PLACE.

Spring is all through the store
And new goods are piling in for the new season

VAST stocks of new goods are piling into the store for the new season. Never have we attempted such immense varieties as will be on display here for the coming Spring. Spring is in the store now. We have prepared early for early readiness is urgent.

To-morrow we invite Hamilton people to come and study the new styles at The Right House. New fabrics, new tailored wear, new white blouses, new white underwear. You will find much that is exclusive with this store, much that is exceedingly beautiful.

The display of Spring things here is superb, broad, exclusive, keenly interesting. No one will wisely miss it. But the vital keynote of the showing is the keynote of economy. You will find here fairest prices on all things as well as the first authentic showings of the new.

The products of the best manufacturers at home and abroad are open to us. Much is confined to us exclusively for this city. Others extend to us first choices of their goods. Cash and the power of big purchases bring their prices down to the lowest possible mark. Does this not suggest to you the superiority of this store as a place to shop?

And now for the spring planning. We are ready to supply your every need—ready to meet your every demand with a bigger, better storeful of the world's finest goods than we've ever shown before. But the great store of to-day is much more than a buyer and seller of goods. Hamilton women know, for instance, that they can come to The Right House now, and in a brief survey, get a clear and comprehensive idea of fashion's latest trend in every line. They know that what they see will be authoritative.

Now while the fresh spring things are pouring in, and the displays are at their very best, the interest is at top notch. Make it a point to visit the store each day and study the ever-changing displays of fashion's latest fancies.

New tailored suits \$15.00 to \$60.00
New separate skirts \$5.00 to \$18.00

New white muslin blouses 89c to \$8.00
New muslin underwear 25c to \$8.00

Corner King East and Hughson Sts. **THOMAS C. WATKINS** Hamilton Ontario



MUSICIANS AND PLAYERS

Francis Wilson will be seen at the Grand to-night in his great laughing success, "When Knights Were Bold."

In the play there is an amusing duel between Sir Guy De Vere (Francis Wilson) and Sir Brian Ballymore (Campbell Gollan), the latter attacks the former with a sword, which is as nearly as long as Mr. Wilson is tall. It is one of those tremendous two-handed affairs which the knights of old delighted to use when mounted on their chargers and the wielder has a sweep of nearly eight feet with it. The sword is double-edged and very heavy, for it was no child's play to handle successfully this weapon. There is excitement enough in the duel itself, but when the comedy comedian does his armor and nimbly dodging a sweep of the sword from the Irish knight, gets inside the guard and proceeds to pommel Erin's champion with his fists in good modern style, it becomes one of the most mirth provoking scenes the stage has seen in years.

At Bennett's Theatre.

Manager Driscoll, of Bennett's theatre, announces a capital bill for this week. "The Geisha's Dream," the beautiful Oriental act which O Hana San & Co. is presenting is one of the most elaborate scenic displays ever seen in vaudeville.

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The allegorical representation of the four seasons is a delightful series of pictures which have all the atmosphere of the land of the cherry blossom. For the rest it must be said that they are all strong acts and will be sure to provide plenty of amusement. Fentelle and Carr have a clever sketch entitled "At Outlook Junction," in which wit and humor of situation are well mingled. Reif brothers are singers and dancers and have a good deal that is new to introduce. Kono, Welch, and Melrose bring a comedy acrobatic offering which is considered as a gift edged investment for any manager to secure. Ruby Raymond dances and sings, her songs being those which she has sung to and delighted New York audiences with. Two bright musical comedians are Alsace and Lorraine, their turn being a happy mixture of playful smartness and good clowning. An act which thoroughly deserves big type honors in Quindlan, Mack's "The Travelling Circus." This is a number that draws well. The motion pictures will be changed as usual. The matinee this afternoon was very well attended and a number of flattering criticisms on the show were heard on all sides.

A Real Thriller.

The Grand will have a "sure-enough" sensation next Friday and Saturday, in "The Outlaw's Christmas." A horse-bearing the hero, the heroine and their little daughter, dashes across the stage up an incline and dives into the river. Then it swims across and carries them all to safety. The tank in which it plunges is long and wide and deep and the scene would carry a much less worthy play. But there is said to be merit all along the line in this melodrama. It

has effective, quiet scenes and some good comedy as well as abundant sensationalism.

At the Savoy.

In a bill that is excellent throughout the Savoy promises a show this week that will delight patrons of the Merriek street house. The big feature will be Iuro Fox, the noted English magician and illusionist, who has been scoring a big hit since his return to this country. The act is said to be on entirely original lines. Fox has a versatility in feats of deception that is particularly pleasing to the average person—who enjoys nothing more than some baffling mystery of legerdemain. The Box of Cagliostro is the term given to his latest feat of the magician's art. A little box, about the size of a common handkerchief box, grows swiftly under his manipulation to enormous size, and when unlocked by the key that he holds constantly in his hand is found to contain a young woman instead of the doll placed therein—the box being surrounded by a screen for only a moment.

The special attraction, James E. Henry and Dorothy Young in their comedy sketch, "The Lonerelle Jollier," will be another most attractive number. The act scored a big success in New York and is said to abound in rolicking fun. Miss Young, as Bessie Scribbler, editor of the "Jollier," is credited with being the best appearing Western girl seen to date. Mr. Henry is a clever comedian. A singing specialty by Rita Redmond, a charming young lady, who is said to possess a magnificent soprano voice, is sure to be another well liked number. The bill includes The Three Herber Brothers, well known comedy acrobats; Rice and Elmer, who do ludicrous feats on the horizontal bar; McIntyre and McEvoy, black-faced comedians; the Waltons, another clever team; the kinetograph with new pictures and a programme of special interest by the orchestra, including the descriptive fantasia, "A Day With the Circus." This is something well worth going early to hear.

A Lew Fields Story.

Lew Fields is somewhat conscience-stricken—a rather unusual thing for an actor—and the cause of his remorse came about in this way:

The other afternoon a young man whom he had noticed in conversation with two other men in front of the Herald building left his companions and, crossing the street, said:

"I beg your pardon, but are you Lew Fields?"

"Yes," responded the comedian, "I'm his brother."

"Then I lose my bet," exclaimed the stranger, darting in front of a car and rejoining his companions.

Mr. Fields saw him hand one of the men a bill, and noticed in conversation to lose his money, he started in pursuit to explain, but there was a crush of traffic at the moment and he lost sight of them.

An hour or so later Mr. Fields was walking up Broadway when the same young man approached him with another man.

"Are you Lew Fields?"

"Yes, I am; and I want to say that when I told you a little while ago that I was not I didn't know you had a bet on it."

"Well, I'll be blowed!" exclaimed the stranger. "That's two bets I've lost on you this afternoon. I just bet Jim here a five spot that you weren't Lew Fields, and I thought I had a cinch," and he turned and walked dejectedly away.

Between the Acts.

A hundred years ago in England the stage had no need of censorship, except that at the hands of the public, which never hesitated to assert its rights. The London Times reproduces the story of a production at Drury Lane in 1808, when a play obviously adapted from German stock was so objectionable that the audience arose en masse and forbade its continuance. The manager promised a change for the next night, and the mass of censors peacefully went home. Patience and long suffering have come with succeeding years.

Otis Skinner's lecture on the actor's ethical viewpoint recently delivered before the students and faculty of Chicago university, has been accepted for publication in book form by a prominent book house. It will shortly come out under the title, "Sanity in the Drama."

The Lyceum Grand Concert Company



The Lyceum Grand Concert Company will give one of its excellent concerts in Association Hall on Wednesday evening of this week. This excellent organization comes with the highest recommendation.