

HOME MISSIONS AND SOCIAL SERVICE

The story of how Canada was named *The Dominion*, as told by the late Sir Leonard Tilley and vouched for in a recent letter by his son, is as follows:

When the Fathers of Confederation were assembled considering the terms and conditions of the proposed union, there was much discussion one day as to what the new United Canada should be called. Many suggestions were offered but no conclusion reached. The next morning at family worship, Sir Leonard Tilley read Psalm 72 and when he reached verse 8, "He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth," it occurred to him, that this would be a splendid title for Canada. When the convention reassembled he pointed to the map, and showing that the new country would extend from ocean to ocean and from the St. Lawrence to the Pole, he repeated the verse and suggested "The Dominion of Canada," as the name of the new country. It was recognized as an inspiration and immediately adopted.

Our great aim in the work of Home Missions and Social Service is to make Canada Christ's Dominion in fact, as it is already in name.

Growth of Fifty Years

The Presbyterian Church in Canada	1867	1917
Pastoral charges.....	550	1329
Home Mission Fields.....	130	834
Families.....	50,734	185,286
Communicants.....	75,935	334,822
Amount contributed to all purposes	\$537,750	\$5,718,828