

Little Churches of London

—No. 3—

Owning no earthly head, they meet
With earnest song and prayer
About the table of their Lord,
In hallowed worship there.

"Christ is the only head they own;
No pastors preach for gold;
Man's guilt and Christ's redeeming power—
The simple faith they hold."



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GOSPEL HALL, HAMILTON ROAD.

Among the little churches of London, none is more interesting, more deserving of attention than the "Gospel Hall" or "meeting house" of the Brethren at the intersection of Grey street and Hamilton road. Here is a local congregation that has been particularly active in evangelistic and Christian service in the last seven or eight years. The present building was built in 1906 by a body of Christians, formerly meeting at the corner of Colborne and Horton streets in the building which is now the Horton street Jewish synagogue.

Thirty-five years the first "Brethren" meeting was held in London. This denomination or body of Christians, for they do not wish to be regarded as denominational, are commonly called the "Plymouth Brethren," but they have never adopted the name themselves. They do not call their place of meeting a church. They acknowledge only one "church," that which includes every believer. Their gathering of members are called "assemblies."

The local assembly is associated with similar gatherings of Christians throughout the British Empire and the United States, and with them supports many travelling evangelists and missionaries in all parts of the world, although none of these has a definite salary guaranteed. There is no resident head of the assembly, the members owning only the Gospel Hall, which is necessary to have in order to hold the building legally, are James Short, Wm. Little and Joseph Hulbert. In their association together, officialdom and all suggestions of it are carefully avoided by the brethren.

Volunteer Gospel Meetings.
A communion service for Christians is held at 10.30 every Sunday morning, and a gospel meeting at 7 o'clock is held each Sunday evening by members of the assembly who have a gift for preaching. A Sunday school with 20 teachers, and an average attendance of 145 meets at 2.45 Sunday afternoon under the direction of Rowland Hill, superintendent. Besides meetings almost every night in the Gospel Hall, meetings are held in the Empire Theatre, East London, on Sunday evening at eight.

Last night the evening service in the Gospel Hall was in charge of William Blankley and Frederick Watts, two of the younger men active in the assembly. The meeting in the Empire Theatre was addressed by Allan Simpson.

Essentially orthodox and evangelical, the brethren to quote from a tract on "Christian Simplicity."

"Believe in the absolute and perfect

inspiration of the Bible, which they hold to be, not in name only, but in reality, the Word of God; they refuse all human creeds as being both unnecessary and a slur upon his word; they believe in the fall and absolute ruin of man; his guilty, lost, and hopeless condition; the utter worthlessness of works, law-keeping or reformation as a ground of salvation; the amazing love of God in providing a Saviour in his blessed Son; the spotless perfection of Christ, both in his divine nature and his true humanity; atonement by the blood-shedding of Christ on the cross, by which alone redemption has been accomplished; his resurrection as the proof of God's acceptance of that atonement.

Can Never Be Lost.

"They affirm that being saved by Christ's work once for all, the believer can never be lost, but is as secure as though he were in heaven already, because of Christ's death and resurrection."

"They believe that the proper hope of God's people is not the improvement of the world, but the coming of Christ for his own, to raise the dead in Christ and change the living, and then take them all to heaven."

"They hold that rejecters of the Gospel and all the wicked will 'have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone'—eternal punishment, and not in extinction and restoration. They therefore believe in an earnest and affectionate presentation of the simple Gospel of the Grace of God."

DECLARES MARY WAS NOT MOTHER OF GOD

Rev. W. C. Riddiford Tells Why Baptists Do Not Believe in Worship of Mary.

In the Egerton Street Baptist Church last night, Rev. W. C. Riddiford preached a vigorous sermon on the subject "Why Baptists do not believe in the worship of Mary." Speaking from Luke iv, verse 8, Mr. Riddiford explained that Baptists do not believe in the worship of Mary because Christ has said to worship God alone.

Some believe that Mary was immaculate and born without sin, said the preacher. This is untrue, for in Luke ii, verses 46 and 47, Mary says: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit rejoiced in God my Saviour." The same verses were quoted to show that the belief that Mary was the mother of God was wholly unfounded, for as she were, what need had she of a Saviour. Further, if Mary were the mother of God, who was God's father?

LIQUOR TRAFFIC WRONG
SAYS REV. B. SPENCE

Civilization Must Adopt Attitude of Antagonism to It.

ALLIANCE OFFICIAL HERE

Tells of Recent Temperance Victories and Says the Question Will Do Much to Give Higher Tone to Politics.

"An enlightened Christian civilization has finally and forever come to the conclusion that the liquor traffic is wrong, and having come to that conclusion, there is only one attitude possible for it to adopt, and that is an attitude of antagonism to that which is wrong. Antagonism to that which is wrong is the dominant note in all our human life today."

Thus Rev. Mr. Spence, secretary of the Dominion Alliance, voiced his conviction that the cause of temperance will ultimately triumph. In a sermon in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sunday evening, his discourse contained many statistics showing the progress that temperance is making, not only in Ontario, but all over Canada, and in other countries as well. Relative to prohibition in other countries, he made the prediction that national prohibition will be in force all over the United States by 1920.

Progress Everywhere.
"I am a firm believer in the final triumph of temperance reform," he said. "Everywhere we turn our eyes we see progress being made."

The recent sweeping victories for temperance, said the speaker, were due to a large measure to a change of attitude by civilization towards the liquor traffic. Labor had set its face against it, and the medical profession had completely changed its attitude, so that liquor was being more and more rarely used even for medical purposes. The medical men of all denominations had said that the traffic must go, and were uniting to fight it.

"The time has come," said the preacher, "when we see a federation of liquor forces, such as we never had before, meeting in convention in the city of Winnipeg and placing in their constitution the words, 'Our trade, our politics.' When we have organization of those who prey on the public, surely we should have counter-organization on the part of those who look for the kingdom of God. The churches are drawing nearer to fight the liquor traffic because the men of the churches are wholeheartedly and earnestly and desirably active co-operation."

Alliance Represents Churches.

The Dominion Alliance simply represented the churches united for this specific purpose, he said. He then proceeded to answer the many of the objections raised against it by its critics. "Some say, 'You're bringing temperance into politics.' We are. That's where it belongs. It's been kept out of politics too long. It will do politics good. Elections often are too often decided on the basis of money-grubbing animals, and the introduction of a great moral issue will not be to be blamed for using language which they are accustomed to hear adults use. Rather the fault is with those grown-ups who use language which is unfit to be heard."

It is the duty of everyone to be careful of their words, if only for the sake of children who may be listening and assimilating thoughts that are spoken, without understanding the meaning implied.

The conquest over sin and the ultimate triumph over Satan can only be accomplished by implicit faith in God, the presence of the Holy Spirit, and it is only through his teachings that there is salvation and eternal happiness.

EDUCATIONAL ANNIVERSARY OF DUNDAS CENTRE CHURCH
Toronto Pastor Conducts Special Services—Preaches on Evolution of Truth.

Rev. Clarke Logan, M.A., of Toronto, conducted educational anniversary services in Dundas Centre Methodist Church last night. He preached a vigorous sermon on the subject "The evolution of truth." He said that the truth shall make us free.

This text, observed Mr. Logan, "is inscribed over the entrance to Victoria College, Toronto. Just inside is a window inscribed in Latin with 'They go forth in truth and in the light.' Truth always was and always will be."

Abraham called the Hebrew people to worship one God, and said to this truth a sense of right and wrong living Jesus Christ added still more. He revealed God to man. Luther, opposing the

"The Peace That Kills" was the

subject of a heart-to-heart talk, delivered by Rev. H. H. Bingham, pastor of Talbot Street Baptist Church at the auditorium yesterday afternoon, to an audience of men.

The speaker talked plainly and openly of what he declared to be the most terrible menace to the physical and moral welfare of the young man, the dissipation, libertine, and piler of the white slave trade.

Mr. Bingham emphasized the fact that the person who ran the "pace that kills," did not suffer alone for his sins, but dragged down the innocent with him.

On Experiences.
The speaker described some of the dives he had seen in large American and Canadian cities, while on a tour with a physician, and said that it made him think of the saying of Madame de Staël, "The more I see of men, the more I like dogs."

"We must as men make it our business to kill this traffic, which honeycombs our national and international life," he said. "The wages of sin is death," and the God who said "Let us go to battle for the sake surely make him who obeys, accountable."

To Make the Nation Great.
"Let us go to battle for the sake of the thousands of our women, and if we go with pure hearts and true souls, we shall make this nation the greatest on earth."

PREDICTS CHRIST'S COMING
Christadelphian Lecturer Says Return of Jesus to Holy Land Indicates It.

An interesting lecture on the "Holy Land and the Jew. Past Present and Future" was given by Rev. D. G. Humphrey, of the Christadelphian Society, at the lecture hall of the Temple of Knowledge, which is to be erected at the second coming of Christ. The lecture will be continued next Sunday night.

CHARRED BONES ONLY.
(Canadian Press.)
Cumbria, Chihuahua, Feb. 8.—Nothing but charred bones and steel were found by the rescue party, which, with the aid of oxygen helmets and pumps, succeeded in penetrating the Cumbria tunnel yesterday from the south portal as far as the locomotive and first two cars of the passenger train.

CHURCHES PROTEST
CONTROLLERS' ACTION

Members Object to Having Old Boys' Shows on Market.

WILL CIRCULATE PETITIONS

Protests and Resolutions To Be Backed Up by Request to Council to Rescind Action of Board of Control.

A strong protest against the action of the board of control in placing the market at the disposal of the Old Boys' committee for side shows and other attractions during Old Boys' Week, was made in many of the city churches on Sunday. Strong resolutions will be forwarded to the council in a number of instances, and a petition is to be circulated protesting Street Baptist Church. He intimated that a petition would perhaps be circulated among the congregation in case the board of control did not see fit to rescind its action.

A similar announcement was made by Rev. T. H. Mitchell in New St. James' Presbyterian Church, and in many other churches the action of the board was commented upon and the hope expressed that the members would reconsider their action.

The following resolution, passed by the temperance and moral reform committee of the Askia Street Methodist Church, gives a fair indication of the feeling which exists in the churches in regard to the matter. It will be forwarded to the mayor this morning:

Resolution at One Church.
"Resolved, that while we are in sympathy with the home-coming of the Old Boys and are in sympathy with their being suitably entertained, but, whereas, experience has taught us that the methods of entertainment on other occasions by side shows on the market and other places have been, we believe, debasing in the extreme, and prejudicial to morals, we hereby protest against the action of the board of control in placing the market at the disposal of the Old Boys' committee, and commend the mayor of the city for his stand upon the question."

"Further that we volunteer our co-operation with other churches or organizations to oppose this and all other features not in harmony with clean morals and good citizenship."

In Other Churches.

Adelaide Street Baptist Church passed a similar resolution, as did also Centennial Methodist. Mention of the fact was made by Rev. H. H. Bingham from the pulpit of Talbot

Church Notes

"Message to Youth."
"Browning's Message to Youth" is the subject of a lecture which Rev. W. J. Knox, M.A., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, is delivering in the lecture hall of that church tonight.

Methodist.

A demonstration of "first aid" will be given before the Epworth League of the Memorial Methodist Church by members of the St. John's Ambulance Corps this evening. The citizens' department of the League have charge of the evening's entertainment, and a meeting of unusual interest is promised.

The choir of the Memorial Methodist Church will meet at the residence of Fred Schab, 484 Victoria street, Thursday night, for a social evening's enjoyment.

The quarterly board of the Memorial Methodist Church will meet Friday night at 8 o'clock.

The Mission Circle of Egerton Street Baptist Church will hold a rubber social on Thursday evening, the charge of admission being a rubber, or rubbers. The proceeds from the sale of the "circle" will be utilized in payment for a memorial window to be placed in the church, in memory of Miss Emma Hayward, who died while in training for a foreign missionary. A large crowd is expected.

The meeting of the quarterly board of Colborne Street Methodist Church will be held Tuesday night.

A lantern demonstration, to which all ministers and school principals are invited, will be given in Adelaide Street Baptist Church, Thursday night. The church are considering purchasing a lantern to use in the teaching of the Sunday school lessons and at church concerts. W. Redpath, representing a Toronto firm, will have charge of the demonstration. The time of opening is 8.15 o'clock.

Wellington Street Methodist Church will celebrate its anniversary next Sunday, and special services, including appropriate music, are being arranged. Rev. Geo. W. Henderson, a former pastor, and well known in this city, will occupy the pulpit at both services. The following Tuesday evening the ladies of the church have arranged for their annual tea meeting. Crowds are expected at all services. Christ Church A.Y.E.A. will visit

BINGHAM ATTACKS WHITE SLAVE TRADE

Talbot Street Pastor Describes Scenes He Witnessed.

"THE PACE THAT KILLS"

Says Traffic Honeycombs Life of Nation and Must Be Stamped Out, for Sake of Canadian Women.

FATALITY OF Whooping Cough

Many parents think lightly of whooping cough, and treat it as a necessary evil, not giving the child who has it any special attention.

The seriousness of whooping cough was emphasized by the Medical Health Officer in Toronto a few months ago, when he reported 14 deaths during the month from whooping cough, and only ten from scarlet fever, typhoid fever and measles combined.

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SHAUGHNESSY BLDG., MONTREAL

that society of St. James' Church, South London, tonight. The meeting will take the form of a debate: "Resolved, that character has more influence on the world than money."

The A. Y. P. A. of St. Matthew's Church will hold a Valentine social tonight. A similar social will be held by the society at St. Paul's Cathedral this evening. The entertainments will be kept up with the celebration of St. Valentine's Day and the distribution of valentines will be in order.

GIFT WAS KEPT SECRET TO AID LADIES' WORK

Mr. Beck Formally Announces Strathcona Fund for Sanatorium.

Hon. Adam Beck has made formal announcement of the grant of \$15,000 by Lord and Lady Strathcona to the Alexandra Sanatorium, news of which was given in The Advertiser two occasions recently. The gift was made last June and has been kept secret because of the fact that other schemes of finance were under way for the institution and Mr. Beck did not wish to hamper the Ladies' Aid of the sanatorium which had them in charge.

It is felt by those interested in the work of the sanatorium that the grant made by the Strathconas will stimulate the interest in the sanatorium and aid in the sale of jewelry which is being disposed of at the present time on the lottery system to raise funds for the work.

The check received by Mr. Beck has been on deposit in a local bank under the name of Treasurer J. C. Judd and has been drawing interest since it was received.

Just Looked as If He Had Been Picking June Roses

He marched boldly down Dundas street and entered a Chinese eatery, where the Celestial hash-slinger declares he ordered iced tea and watermelon. However that may be, the testimony is borne out by at least a dozen reputable citizens that he sported a cow-fodder napkin in his great-coat was conspicuous by its absence, and he didn't even carry his gloves in his hands. Whether he wanted to cheer up the spring robins, the arrival of which has already been reported, whether he was demonstrating New Thought, whether he was just returned from the Arctic Circle, or whether Sunday was really a warm day, and nobody else was aware of the fact, he did not stop to say, but walked down Dundas street oblivious of the attention he attracted, as if he were composing a spring poem or puzzling over what summer resort to spend his July vacation at. Apparently he was one man in London on Sunday who did not believe the thermometer.

MAYLOR—COLE.
[Special to The Advertiser.]
Forest, Feb. 7.—A pretty wedding was solemnized in Christ Church, when Miss Hattie Cole became the bride of Mrs. J. H. Maylor, of Forest. Rev. D. J. Cornish officiated. They will reside in Forest.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.
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PIKE—WINTERS.
Forest, Feb. 7.—A pretty wedding took place at the home of Mrs. A. G. Sparling, when Miss Bertha Winters and Mr. Fred Pike, both of Forest, were married by Rev. D. J. Cornish. After a honeymoon trip to Glenora they will reside in Forest.

PETERBORO PHYSICIAN DEAD.
Peterboro, Feb. 8.—Dr. W. Caldwell, a prominent physician, died this morning. He was jail surgeon for many years.

They expect to have the best trotting meeting in many years in Buffalo because it comes the week before Syracuse.

WAS TROUBLED WITH BOILS AND CARBUNCLES.

There is no more frequent source of illness than that arising from bad blood, for when the blood becomes impure, it is only natural that boils, pimples or some other indication of bad blood should break out of the system.

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