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### MISSION WORK

Rev. Chas. H. Vessot, son of Joseph Vessot, the great French Canadian Presbyterian minister visited the Chatham City yesterday and addressed a meeting in St. Andrew's Sunday school hall Wednesday evening. Mr. Vessot is engaged in missionary work among the French Canadian people. His address indicated that his whole heart and soul was in the work he is carrying on in Quebec. The meeting was opened by Mr. Eckersley reading in prayer and bible reading. Mr. Vessot's address dealt with the object of the work, the people with whom he had to work and the work itself, with its progress. Although suffering with a severe cold, Mr. Vessot talked very distinctly and fluently. After the address a collection in aid of these missions was taken up and a fair sum was realized.

### HONORS IN TORONTO

The Toronto Globe of yesterday gave an extended report on an excellent concert in the Conservatory of Music had there, given under the auspices of the Schumann Trio. The Globe says: "The vocalist was Miss Edythe Hill, mezzo soprano, who sang sweetly and attractively Tchaikovsky's 'Nur wer die Sehnsucht' Goring Thomas' 'A Summer Night' and Becker's 'Spring-tide.' The accompanist was Mrs. Blight, always so satisfactory a supporter of the vocalist in that capacity." Miss Hill is the accomplished soloist and choir director of Park street Methodist church in the Maple City.

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## A LIBERAL VIEW

The following is the full text of the editorial leader of Mr. J. S. Wiliston, the late managing editor of the Globe, published yesterday in his new paper, the Toronto News. It speaks for itself:-

There is not in the history of Canadian politics a more shameful and sordid story than that which has just been told in the Legislature. It is a pitiful revelation of what men will do in the desperate game of party politics. A Minister of the Crown, sworn to the faithful discharge of great and responsible duties under our system of Government, is hopelessly involved in a vulgar conspiracy to purchase a political opponent, and the Government of which he is a member is irretrievably involved in the miserable business. Although Mr. Stratton has been the chief electioneering member of the Cabinet, we cannot quite know how far his colleagues are responsible for his methods. BUT THIS MUCH IS CLEAR. THE GOVERNMENT WAS DETERMINED TO HOLD POWER AT ANY COST, and the incriminated Minister must have felt that so long as his proceedings were concealed from the people, and his methods politically successful, he was safe from serious reprobation. It is inconceivable that he would have dared to do this work if he had felt that the atmosphere in which he moved was inevitably hostile to his proceedings. We may fairly conclude that if exposure could have been avoided, THE WHOLE LIBERAL ORGANIZATION WOULD HAVE BEEN WILLING TO PROFIT BY MR. STRATTON'S DISCREDITABLE OPERATIONS.

It is significant to find that some of the men who came into unenviable prominence in other political scandals appear in the later transaction. A GOVERNMENT WHICH RETAINS SUCH INSTRUMENTS IN ITS SERVICE CANNOT HOPE TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY WHEN IT PROTESTS ITS ZEAL FOR HONEST ELECTIONS. It is hard to reach any other conclusion than that these men were on the permanent staff of the political department. They must have drawn their money from the campaign chest, and acted under instructions from the responsible agents and advisers of the Government. This of itself constitutes one of the formidable counts in the indictment, and GIVES A PECULIAR OFFICIAL CHARACTER TO THE WHOLE SERIES OF POLITICAL RASCALITIES WHICH HAVE DISGRACED THE PROVINCE IN RECENT TIMES.

We may not like Mr. Gage's methods. We may feel that he took great risks with his own reputation. It may be possible for friends of the Government to contend that he sold himself, and at the eleventh hour, repented and brought back the "pieces of silver." But the Province should be slow to accept this estimate of Mr. Gage, and it is necessary to admit that only by the most complete evidence could he hope to make his exposure effective. It is the melancholy truth, that personation, fraud, lying and perjury have become so common in elections and in election courts, that only by some such extraordinary plan as Mr. Gage adopted could the facts be indubitably established, as only by some such violent shock could the public conscience be roused to a full realization of the depths to which we have descended.

To this condition the politics of Ontario have been tending for some time. AFTER THIRTY YEARS OF OFFICE, THE LIBERAL PARTY WAS AS HUNGRY FOR POWER AS EVER, AND LIBERAL MINISTERS MORE DETERMINED THAN EVER TO RETAIN OFFICE AND PATRONAGE. AS the real issues between the parties disappeared, the electors became contemptuous of the ignoble faction quarrels which took the place of virile politics, and bribery, and intrigue succeeded honest and manly appeal to the constituencies. The party interest became all powerful in Parliament; the party organizer the active and dominant force in the constituencies. The more indifferent the people grew the more corruption thrived. Men did not go to the polls to sustain some worthy cause or principle. They responded only to the desperate appeals of partisans, and the calculating exertions of selfish interests. Here men were silenced by the judicious distribution of public concessions. There they were overcome by private interests whose contributions went to the corruption of the electors. This astounding blow to the Ministry is at once an illuminating revelation of our political methods, and just such a violent shock to the public conscience as was imperatively needed to arouse the people to a sense of their higher duties and responsibilities. IT IS NOT A TIME FOR MERE PARTISAN TRIUMPH, BUT FOR GENUINE SORROW OVER THE SHAME AND DISCREDIT WHICH HAVE COME UPON THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PROVINCE.

We confess that we are profoundly sorry for the Prime Minister, and should be glad to have him cleared of all suspicion of complicity in his Minister's operations. He has labored long and well in many a good cause, and there is not to be found in the speeches of any of our public men any better or more eloquent expression of the Canadian and Imperial patriotism of our people. It was an unkindly fate that set him to lead a PARTY WHICH HAD GOVERNED TOO LONG, AND WHOSE USEFULNESS IN OFFICE WAS WELL NIGH EXHAUSTED. He struggled as best he could to extend still further the official life of Liberalism in Ontario, and to ESCAPE THE CONSEQUENCES OF A SERIES OF POLITICAL RASCALITIES WHICH LAMENTABLY DISFIGURE THE GENERALLY FINE RECORD OF LIBERAL ADMINISTRATION IN THIS PROVINCE. He knew that many men would judge him only by his ability to retain office, and to continue the distribution of the Provincial patronage. He was far too willing to be measured by this standard. If he had set his face with invincible sternness against all forms of political trading and electoral crookedness, even at the expense of office, it would have been so much better for himself and the party to which he belongs. We cannot but think that HE FAILED TO MEET THIS SUPREME TEST, AND NOW HE AND HIS GOVERNMENT MUST PAY THE CONSEQUENCES. True, we have still to hear the defence of the Provincial Secretary and the Cabinet, but unfortunately the indictment seems damning and conclusive to the last degree. As the case now stands, THE GOOD NAME OF THE PROVINCE IMPERATIVELY REQUIRES THE EXCLUSION OF MR. STRATTON FROM PUBLIC LIFE AND THE OVERTHROW OF THE ADMINISTRATION IN WHOSE BEHALF HE OPERATED.

### WALLACEBURG

March 12.—Miss Flossie Tooley entertained a number of friends at her home last evening in honor of her guest, Miss Phineas, of Shelburne. Mr. John Jack left this week for the West for his health. Miss Lewis, of London, has returned after the holiday season to her work here. Mr. C. A. Hordeman has accepted a position with Morse & Jack. The funeral of Henrietta McDougall, aged 72 years, who died in Detroit on Sunday, March 8th, 1903, took place from the residence of her brother-in-law, Alex. McDougall, yesterday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. T. H. Farr conducted the services. The Public school was let out for the afternoon. Miss Reid, of Seaford, has returned after visiting the millinery openings. Mrs. J. Scott entertained the Presbyterian young people last Tuesday evening. Mr. W. Stonehouse has recovered from his illness of typhoid fever. Mrs. Stonehouse is also improving. Miss Myrtle Auten, of Milan, Mich., is the guest of Mrs. Chas. Martin. The Swiss Bell Ringers and Wells Greenwalt musical novelty entertainers, will fill the rolls for the Lyceum Course as No. 4 at the Opera House on Monday night. This is an exceptionally fine number.

### TILBURY.

March 13.—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Prendergast are visiting in London. Mrs. Dr. Macdonald has left on a

week's visit to Pontiac, Mich. J. I. Hill, late of Stewart's Bank, returned from Pittsburgh, Pa., yesterday.

The remains of Noel Currier, Jr., arrived here on Wednesday from Rhode Island for interment in St. Francis cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hilsabeck, of Illinois, are on a three weeks' visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McIntosh, Tilbury East.

The Ladies Aid of the Methodist church are holding a handkerchief bazaar this afternoon and evening in the new Times block. Supper will be served from 6 to 8 p.m.

Mrs. P. Husted is visiting Mrs. Wm. Ward, in Essex.

Gordon Richardson, Jos. Cassidy and Chas. Carlless expect to leave to-day for the Northwest.

The curfew has been revived in Tilbury.

Thos. Hillman and family, of Tilbury North, leave next week for Red Deer, Alberta.

F. Lees, of the Big Store, visited in Essex and Leamington a few days this week.

It is reported that the Canadian Hotel at Tilbury Corners was sold on Wednesday by L. La Plante to Alfred Trudel for \$3,000, and Mr. La Plante may re-open a shoe shop in the village.

### NOTICE

To all whom it may concern. The local union of carpenters and joiners of Chatham have decided on a scale of wages of 25 cents per hour for the summer 1903. By order of local union No. 1006, Chatham.

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