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Auxiliaries and Mission Bands in the London District

Of the Methodist Church—Quarterly Convention, at Which Encouraging Reports are Made—Address by Rev. Dr. Potts, of Toronto—Resolution as to the New License Act.

The quarterly convention of the Woman's Methodist Missionary Society of the London district was held in Wesley Hall yesterday afternoon. The district organizer, Mrs. Evans, of this city, presiding. Two hundred and fifty delegates were in attendance, nearly every auxiliary and mission band being well represented.

The meeting was taken up with the presentation of reports and a few other business matters. All but two of the auxiliaries gave accounts of what they had been doing in the cause of missions. From the Arva, Wellington Street, London West, Centennial, Colborne Street, First Methodist, Dundas Street, Delaware, Exeter, Siloam, the Grove, Pond Mills, Thorndale and Westminster auxiliaries came reports, showing a growing missionary spirit among the members, and increases in the majority of cases, in membership. In connection with the Grove report, it was stated that Mrs. Smith, one of the workers, was in the City Hospital in a very critical condition and unlikely to recover. Mrs. Russell, of this city, another worker, was also announced to be ill, and in behalf of her and the Smiths, a very earnest prayer was offered. Letters, expressive of the convention's sympathy, will also be forwarded to them.

Mrs. Tennent, of this city, gave a very thoughtful paper on "Systematic Giving," in which she spoke of the churches raising money by tea meetings, socials, etc. Mrs. Tennent was opposed to the plan, as she thought the money should be raised by a systematic way of giving.

From many of the mission bands also came very encouraging reports of the work. Miss Ware reported for London West, Miss Wheaton for Colborne Street, Miss Powell for First Church, Miss Manning for Siloam, Miss Tanton for Dundas Street, Miss Cahill for Askin Street and Miss E. Graham and Miss L. Crook for Wellington Street.

Mrs. McMechan gave a report for the district for 1896, showing a total of \$2,106.88 raised, and a membership of 563. There were 107 workers in the mission bands, which earned \$745.27 for the furtherance of the work. New auxiliaries were formed at Centenary and Salem. All the churches in the district had mission bands, excepting King Street and Hamilton Road (London) and Thamesford.

Greetings from sister societies were extended on behalf of the Presbyterian W. F. M. S., by Mrs. (Rev.) M. P. Talling, and on behalf of the Baptists, by Mrs. (Rev.) Ira Smith.

During the afternoon Miss Annis gave a much appreciated address, entitled "God's Love," and Miss Clement a piano solo.

The next convention will be held in the Wellington Street Church. In the evening a meeting was held in the First Church, and in the name of the ladies, Rev. Dr. Daniel extended a cordial welcome to the members of the district convention. He also congratulated the ladies upon the success of the society since its organization, and especially during the past year. "I was living in this city," said Dr. Daniels, "when this scheme—if it might be called—was projected. I do not know that my most sanguine expectations could have anticipated such results as have been accomplished in the auxiliaries and mission bands. Between two and three thousand dollars were raised last year for the mission schemes—a most magnificent sum." A number of important features in connection with the work, crowded upon the mind of the speaker, but he did not touch upon them, owing to lack of time.

Mrs. Gordon Wright conducted the question drawer which had been postponed from the afternoon. One delegate asked if the rum traffic was not a hindrance to missionary work in Africa, and Mrs. Wright expressed surprise at any Christian worker making such a query. She stated that one of the greatest drawbacks to the mission cause in that country was the dealing in liquor. Another lady asked if it would not be fit for the convention to express by resolution its disapproval of the action of the Ontario Government in regard to the license laws. Mrs. Wright thought it would certainly be most desirable for the convention so to do. "The Government," she said, "has only seen fit to grant one of the 23 requests made by the temperance people, and the latter feel themselves in a worse position than they would had the Government entirely ignored their requests."

Rev. Dr. Potts, the speaker of the

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evening, was introduced by Dr. Daniel and given a cordial reception. In looking over the five and thirty years that had elapsed since his first visit to the city in company with the late Richard Jones, Dr. Potts said he never came once to London with reluctance, but always with gladness. The work of the Woman's Missionary Society had commanded his admiration from beginning. This was the brightest day in the history of the Christian people, he said, for there was less romance about the missionary work of to-day, and more principle. He remembered the time when churches in all places would be crowded to the doors at annual missionary meetings; to-day there was not the crowd, but there was more money passing into missionary channels, showing that the missionary cause never had as many supporters as now. The supreme work of the Christian church was the missionary enterprise, and this was true of the individual as well as of the collective church. The missionary idea was the very genius of Christianity.

Dr. Potts spoke of the great necessity of information, consecration, well-directed efforts in the church, money, and above all a glorious baptism of the Holy Ghost. He also touched upon the India famine fund, and how and why he had opposed the formation of a church fund in Canada, and he congratulated the convention upon the fact that it had not as a convention, made a grant towards the relief of the suffering in India. He believed in individual contributions. Concluding, he said the church of God was never so superbly organized for the winning of the world for Christ as it was in this decade of the nineteenth century. Yet he had to confess that the church had only been playing. The twentieth century shall not have been far advanced before the workers would look back and see how many could have been done for Christ.

On behalf of the ladies, Rev. A. G. Harris moved a very hearty vote of thanks to Rev. Dr. Potts for his valuable address. Rev. Benj. Clement seconded, and the motion carried. Miss Ella Cosford offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a standing vote: "Recognizing how vitally the missionary question is affected for weal or woe by the temperance problem, and in view of the fact that the church of Christ is never so superbly organized for the winning of the world for Christ as it was in this decade of the nineteenth century, yet he had to confess that the church had only been playing. The twentieth century shall not have been far advanced before the workers would look back and see how many could have been done for Christ."

The choir of the church, under the leadership of Mr. Fetherstone, assisted in the service. Misses Fowler and Harrison also gave a duet, which was much enjoyed.

HELLMUTH LADIES' COLLEGE.

The Half-Yearly Exercises—Successful Concert Last Night.

The annual half-yearly concert took place last night before a large audience, and was attended with most gratifying success. The programme, which consisted of piano and vocal numbers, English, French and German recitations, opened with Mozart's A major concerto, for piano and orchestra, played by Miss Annie Down with great taste and precision. Miss Minn El Sherley's excellent rendering of Liszt's eleventh "Rhapsodie Hongroise," which abounded in technical difficulties, was one of the great successes of the evening, and was received with loud applause. Miss Burgess' playing of Hiller's F sharp minor concerto was also very good, technically and musically. Miss Miriam Hellmuth played a bright piano solo, entitled "La Morena," by Chamade, in capital style, and Miss Mildred Salisbury was very successful in her playing of two piano solos by Heller and Chopin. Most of these numbers were rendered from memory. Mrs. Jevons' sympathetic voice sounded to great advantage in Lilla's aria from "Carmen," and her rendering of a song, "Sing, Smile, Stumber," was received enthusiastically. Miss Florence Abbott sang Nevins' "Oh That We Two Were Maying" in very artistic style. The recitations were a feature of the programme, together with an English sketch by Miss Frances Farr, the young ladies graduating in the history of mankind. Miss Lavinia Dawson rendered in a very finished manner a French recitation by La Fontaine, and for the German department Miss Beatrice Richardson gave with excellent accent Goethe's "The King." Mrs. Jevons and Miss Ruth Matthews contributed English recitations, Mrs. Jevons giving a very successful and correct rendering of "The Statue and the Bust." Browning, and Miss Matthews reciting the charming story by Woolson, entitled "Kentucky Belle," with dramatic effectiveness and beautiful tone shadings. The whole programme reflected the highest credit upon the talented instructors and the clever and diligent students.

SUDDEN DEATH AT GALT.

Galt, Ont., March 1.—John W. Martin, a prominent farmer of Waterloo Township, aged about 70 years, died very suddenly in Galt this afternoon. While walking on the street, he fainted and was carried into a doctor's office, where he expired almost immediately. His son, the late Samuel C. Martin, died very suddenly about a year ago under somewhat similar circumstances.

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THE CITY COUNCIL.

Relief Wood Contracts are Cancelled.

SERIOUS CHARGES MADE,

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NO OUT IN SALARIES.

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WILL THE MARKET BAZAAR GO?

Ald. Draney introduced a Motion to Revoke the Bazaar—Auctioneers on the Market—Does Their Goods Affect the Meat Market Supply?—Question Referred Back—Only One Sewer Section Contract Let—Other Goes Back for More Consideration—Tax Collection Proposal. Also Referred Back—Auditor Jewell Speaks Strongly Against Proposed Refund of Port Stanley Grant to Officials—The Cigarette By-law to be Amended.

The City Council met last night. The meeting was a lengthy one, and considerable business was disposed of or else was advanced a stage. A crowd of several hundred citizens watched the proceedings, and all the aldermen were in their places, with the exception of Ald. Stevely.

The item which created the greatest interest was a report by No. 3 Committee upon the manner in which the two contracts for the supply of relief wood for the city are alleged to be carried out. The Council accepted the report at hand, and promptly cancelled the contracts. They went further. The Mayor was ordered to obtain the City Solicitor's opinion upon the advisability of taking legal proceedings against the contractors.

The reduction of salaries question was promptly given its quietus, and the tax collection system will very probably remain as it is. It looks more and more likely, too, that little delay will be heard of in the Port Stanley Board grant to city officials. The aldermen fell over one another in their desire to accede to a petition to banish the deadly cigarette, but will act on a committee report yet to be made.

The usual batch of communications were received. Most of these were sent to committee. Ald. O. F. for refund of charge for East End Hall for benefit concert, and on motion of Ald. Draney the refund was made.

The London Horse Mart Association asked for use of Carling street in front of Bernard House for purposes of a sale of high-class horses March 17 and 18. They promised that the thoroughfare would not be blocked. Ald. Taylor's motion carried to grant the request.

DOWN WITH THE CIGARETTE! The Local Council of Women petitioned for "some immediate and restrictive measure which would tend to mitigate this evil. We allude to the deleterious and growing habit of cigarette smoking. The petition is also signed by the Bishop and Dean of Huron and a number of other prominent citizens, and citizens in official position.

Rev. T. H. Hill, rector of St. John's, spoke in support of the petition. The Mayor declared that he was as interested as others in the granting of the petition, because when they saw children eight and nine years of age smoking this habit it was time to call a halt. He read a letter from Dean Innes, expressing the thought that the legitimate dealers would welcome the prohibition of this evil.

"Don't misunderstand us," said Rev. Mr. Hill, "we are not here to make a raid against tobacco in general, because if we were we should put the poor man who is dependent upon the sale of tobacco to the cigarette to the street."

Mrs. H. E. Boomer, President of the Local Council of Women, called attention to the fact that the Council of Women represented twelve organizations of the mothers and sisters of the city.

Ald. Parnell was in hearty sympathy, and moved that the petition be granted as far as the principle was concerned, but that the question of license be referred to committee to fix. He believed in this way they would effectually stamp out the cigarette evil.

Ald. Carrothers seconded. Ald. Taylor moved in amendment that immediate action be taken to prohibit the sale of cigarettes. It would be easy to settle upon the license to-night. It was not to affect the regular tobacco dealers.

Ald. Cooper seconded the amendment.

Ald. Olmstead wanted the matter to go to committee. Nothing had been said of the selling of the cigarette tobacco and paper separately as was done now.

Ald. Winnett had seen boys repeatedly smoke three cigarettes on the street corner before going to school.

Ald. Parnell said Toronto had a by-law which called for a license of \$5 for cigars and tobacco; \$25 for cigarettes, cigars and tobacco; and \$1 for tobacco alone. He would vote for prohibiting cigarettes if possible, and he believed the city should gain whatever advantage in the way of license upon the sale of tobacco they were entitled.

Ald. Carrothers believed they should not hurry through something through which a coach and four might afterwards pass. He would oppose any license being charged upon the annual sale of cigarettes and cigars, but not fixing license fees.

The matter of fixing the license fee was sent to No. 3 Committee.

The City Clerk handed a letter to the City Engineer, dated March 1, 1897, respecting the payment of \$450 by the Port Stanley Railway Board—\$225 to the City Engineer; \$125 to the City Treasurer. The Auditor stated that the grant of the Board should have been ratified by the City Council. But the money was not charged upon the annual rates, but upon bridge expenditure, and if the money was refunded it could not go to the city coffers, but

must revert to the position of unexpended deponent proceeds. "I have the opportunity of knowing," said the Auditor, "that the city has a staff of officials of which they may justly feel proud." Mr. Jewell spoke in the strongest terms against the proposed asking for the refund of the amount.

The Mayor said the matter must go to No. 1 Committee for a report, and it went there.

The petition of a number of city soldiers against the sale of whips and snaps on the Market Square was referred to No. 3 Committee.

AUCTIONEERS ON THE MARKET. No. 3 Committee recommended that the auctioneers be prohibited from selling on the Market Square until after three o'clock in the afternoon.

Ald. Cooper asked the reason.

Ald. McCallum—The Market Clerk, in a private letter, says the auctioneers are considerable of a nuisance there.

Ald. Cooper—Why not read the letter?

Ald. McCallum—It is addressed privately.

Ald. Cooper—I don't care. There should be no private business here.

Ald. Cooper spoke vigorously. He was not standing for his own benefits, but he claimed that it was in the interest of the merchants for whom he sold goods that they not place before their customers, and in the interest of the poor to whom they were sold. He had heard that this was gotten up against him to get back at him. But he would pay the cost of a vote of the people, if they wanted the auctioneers there, provided the mover paid if they lost.

Ald. Hunt said he agreed that the auctioneers were a nuisance. If a motion was not made here to-night to remove the Market Square, he would do so, and that the auctioneers go also.

Ald. Nutkins moved to refer the matter back, saying that the auctioneers paid a license.

Ald. Olmstead seconded.

Ald. O'Meara and Ald. Carrothers attacked the Market Clerk's writing of private letters upon public matters.

Ald. Turner rose to speak, and Ald. Cooper called out "sit down." This caused Ald. Turner, and he told Ald. Cooper he would "chastise him."

Cooper replied in kind, but the Alderman tempers quickly subsided.

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Ald. Winnett said Ald. Cooper was a large rater, and had a store on Carling street. But an injustice was done to the public by irresponsible auctioneers. Dirty goods were sold directly in front of the meat market.

Health did not interfere with the matter was referred back to committee for further consideration.

WON'T MOVE IT BACK.

A large number of merchants interested in the Carling street electric lamp be moved back to its former position.

The Council decided to leave the matter to the Police Commissioners.

RELIEF WOOD SUPPLY.

No. 3 Committee presented a remarkable report with regard to the supply of wood to the city poor under the Relief Department.

The chairman reported that a citizen had mentioned a case where relief wood had been delivered, and he investigated, in company with Ald. Carrothers. The investigation of the case led to others, and the Inspector and Assistant Engineer Kirkpatrick were called in, and a dozen cases were reported.

The total result of the measurements of the twelve loads was a shortage of 10 feet in twelve loads, and 102 feet in ten loads.

One of the contractors had delivered a lot of wood in very bad condition. Some of the wood was rotten to the core. In one case they found a rotten breaker up her behind, and the contractor had delayed the delivery of wood. In another case the wood was so bad one poor washerwoman could not get up a fire, and the contractors were M. Baldwin for the south side and Geo. McNeil for the north side.

Ald. Parnell thought the Council should take action so as never to have men who would do this kind of work in this corporation again. They should be made to remember the day when they put in their measure of wood for the poor of London. He moved that the contracts be cancelled, and that the Mayor consult a solicitor with a view to prosecuting the contractors; also that No. 3 Committee be instructed to investigate the conduct of the officials who allowed the wrong measure to continue.

Ald. Cooper said the contractors should first be heard from. It was unjust to condemn the men without a hearing. It might be possible that in some cases some of the wood had been used before being measured.

Ald. Olmstead said the Inspector saw a load delivered, and it was 14 feet short.

Ald. Douglas moved to hear the contractors.

Ald. Olmstead—You must hear the consumer, also.

Ald. Winnett said legal proceedings should not be taken until they knew their ground.

Ald. McCallum asked if the city officials' word was not to be taken.

Ald. Carrothers said the contractor who would do such a thing was not worthy to be a contractor. But he would not hang a man before trying him.

Contractor Baldwin was heard, and he said it was a new thing to him to know there was anything ever short. No better wood could be found than was in his yard. Ald. Parnell, when chairman, had ordered him to replace one, two and three sticks of beech in a load with maple.

Ald. Parnell retorted that when he was chairman of the committee, the wood he delivered was a disgrace.

Mr. Baldwin said it would only have been fair to him to have reported the shortages.

Ald. McCallum—I haven't time to report to you.

In reply to Ald. Douglas, the contractor said the city supplied the wood-rack and his men filled it.

Ald. Rumball could not understand how anyone around the Board could understand 11 loads being short out of 12. The poor had evidently been robbed.

The motion to send the matter to committee was lost by one vote, and Ald. Parnell's motion to get the solicitor's advice upon a prosecution, in addition to cancelling the contract, was carried on a vote of 8 to 7.

THE SEWER CONTRACTS.

The Board of Works recommended the granting of the contracts for building sewer sections "E" and "F" to Harding & Leathorne.

But Ald. Parnell reported that there had been a deviation in one of the contracts, which was not noticed at the complete meeting. It related to

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HOCKEY

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Samuel Blanning, one of the oldest and most trusted employees of the Grand Trunk at Windsor, died suddenly on Sunday of heart disease. He was born at Bristol, England, 44 years ago, and when 19 years old married a bride of 16. He came to this country when still in his minority and engaged with the Grand Trunk in this city in 1854. Then he went back to England, but afterwards returned and settled in Windsor, where he has resided for 35 years. He served six years in the Essex County Council and Reeve and Deputy Reeve, and for a like period in the Windsor City Council. He was chairman of the Water, Fire and Gas Committee nearly the whole time he was in the Council. When he retired from public life the City Council presented him with a silver service. He was a Mason, K. of P. and an Oddfellow, and the first over the halls of these orders and at the Windsor City Hall and the Grand Trunk workshops are flying at half-mast. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Alice Egan, a niece, of Detroit, and an adopted son, Chas. Blanning Findlay.

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