

JEWS IN CANADA.

Rabbi Friedlander's Protest Against Bishop Sweeney's Sermon.

Question of Proselytizing Jews by the Christian Church.

To Bishop Sweeney, Lord Bishop of Toronto, Ont.

My Lord—My attention has been called to the Mail and Empire of last Monday, containing an account of a sermon delivered by you on the previous day at Toronto, urging the necessity of Christianizing the alien immigrants who come to this country. I presume that you refer more particularly to the Jews who have come here, and if this inference is correct, I would beg your lordship to inform me in what respect you regard them "as an element of danger to the future of Canada."

I would also ask your lordship on what grounds you can justify the charge of apostasy which you bring against them, based as it is upon a passage from the Bible admittedly difficult of clear and satisfactory interpretation. Believe me to be, your lordship's obedient servant.

Rabbi Friedlander,
Rabbi Congregation Anshe Sholem,
Hamilton, Ont., April 30th, 1909.

The Rev. Rabbi Friedlander, Congregation Anshe Sholem, Hamilton, Ont.: My Dear Rabbi—I am in receipt of yours of the 30th April, and hasten to reply.

I am sure you will believe me when I say that I had not specially any one class of the alien immigrants in my mind when I was preaching my sermon last Sunday evening. My address was to our Christian public in relation to our own Christian duty, and our own Christian danger, and you will do me the justice of appreciating my viewpoint, and of my desire to discharge a duty in regard to it. I would be the last, I hope, to say or do anything to offend the feelings of any class in the community. Believe me, faithfully yours,

James, Toronto.

Toronto, May 1st, 1909.

To Bishop Sweeney, Lord Bishop of Toronto, Toronto, Ont.

My Lord—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 1st inst., and whilst thoroughly appreciating the personal sentiments of good will and consideration for other communities which you express, I must beg your lordship to consider that the whole subject of which you treated in your sermon was not an incidental reference, but forms part of a comprehensive plan promoted by various organizations immediately under the direction of the Church for the conversion of the Jews in this country.

These misguided efforts have ever been regarded by our community as an unwarranted interference with the sacred rights of our religious convictions, and are only an unwholesome instrument for sowing strife and discord in our midst. In many instances the results of proselytizing are only to be found in making bay Jews worse Christians, in introducing sorrow and dissension in the family circle, and destroying the moral fibre of its members bound together by the touchstone of a common faith.

Many of the missionaries employed by the Church are recreant Jews themselves, in many instances with unsavory records behind them, and these employ unscrupulous means in their propaganda work, invading the privacy of Jewish homes, and by the offer of material inducements, bribe and cajole them into attending the missionary halls.

The whole thing is a travesty in the realm of pure religious work, and an outrage on the feelings of our Jewish fellow citizens. I would ask your lordship what would a Christian say and do if subjected to a similar process of proselytization, and as Christianity has adopted the golden rule, "do unto others as ye would be done by," why does not the Church follow it?

Missionary work among the Jews is certainly not needed for the reasons advanced in your sermon. Your lordship appears to me to be little acquainted with either Jews or Jewish ideals. It is a very grave thing to assert that these people constitute "an element of danger to the future of Canada." Permit me to say that this statement is belied by every experience in the history of nations in whatever land they settled and that treatment accorded them they became an element of strength. In a very sensible degree they contributed not only to the development of its commercial resources, but left an abiding mark in the art and science and literature of their respective countries. Your lordship can be assured that the same traditions will be followed out in the Dominion, and that granted fair play and opportunity they will be as successful here as elsewhere, and will in due time form not the least valuable element in its population.

I have further to point out to your lordship that there must be some fundamental error in pursuing a course which is ethically wrong, if, to assume an impossible hypothesis, you were able to convert all the Jews in the world, would you not be helping to destroy the testimony of God's living word and contradicting His promise of an everlasting covenant between Him and His people?

The best Christian minds, like the late Dean Stanley and Dean Bradley, have seen the question in this light and forborne from engaging in work of this kind. Besides, Christianity has her own great problems to solve. Her foundations are being undermined by assaults on the integrity of its hitherto accepted dogmas, and we have a right to say, "out your house in order" before attempting to meddle with others.

Although not of your faith, I fully recognize the existence of a measure of Divine grace in Christian duty and work as it has been interpreted and fulfilled in many fields of human endeavor, but there is such a thing as excess of zeal. Every institution should be circumscribed to its legitimate field of work. The very moment it left that field it must expect to encounter opposition and angry reprisal. That may not mean much to a militant party in the Church, but it certainly conflicts with the traditional message of the higher and more spiritual of Christian principles. "Peace and good will to all men."—I plead with your lordship for a broader, instead of a narrower, interpretation of this doctrine.

In conclusion, let me earnestly beg of your lordship to inaugurate your Episcopal rule, which I hope will be of extended duration, by desisting and extending those under your authority to desert from these unwholesome efforts against the religious peace and honor of my people.

ple. Believe me to be, your lordship's obedient servant,
Rabbi Friedlander,
Hamilton, Ont., May 4th.

UNITY Y. P.

Musical and Literary Evening Was Creally Enjoyed.

A large number of the young people of Unity Church turned out last night to enjoy the programme which had been prepared for the regular meeting of the Religious Union, and which included numbers by St. Andrew's Church orchestra. The young people considered themselves fortunate in being able to secure the orchestra, and the selections it rendered were very pleasing.

The essay which had been prepared by Miss Marion Dixon, entitled "The Power of Music," was highly instructive, and showed the careful attention it had received. The power of music was shown to be effective in a number of ways. It adds new life to the weary and stirs up new energy in the despairing.

Mr. O. S. Marden gave an interesting talk, entitled "The Spirit in Which We Work." It dealt in a thorough way with the part the individual takes in making his work pleasant, and said that instead of working mechanically the people should practice working as though there was something deeper in it than merely the fact that it has to be done, and look upon it as though it were a burden and not a task that if done in a proper spirit would be enjoyed. As an example he said the man who tills the soil should understand that his work is as important in its own way as the work of the man in the office. By doing so the agriculturist will, as it were, be mixing brains with the soil, while at the same time he is getting more out of it himself, and his income will be increased.

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Sheffield

Mr. David Wood, of Clyde, spent Friday at Mr. J. H. Wood's.

Mr. Jas. Montgomery was in Lucknow on business last Tuesday.

Thos. Cooley spent Tuesday with relatives in St. George.

Miss Crawford, of Brantford, spent the week end in the village.

Mr. Thos. Cornell, of Galt, called on friends here last Saturday.

Mrs. Nelson Culham has returned from a two-weeks' visit with relatives in Brantford.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hay, of Troy, called on Mrs. Hay, sen., last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Pierce and Mr. Mitchell and Miss Culham, of Brantford, paid a flying visit to relatives here on Sunday.

Mr. Russell Cooley and wife, of Palmerston, are visiting relatives here.

Warner

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lampman, from Basingstoke, visited his brother here last week.

Mrs. Robert Merritt is quite poorly at this writing.

O. M. Lymburner and family, G. M. Lymburner and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Fulson visited at A. Silverthorpe's on Sunday last.

Valmer Bartlett is very busy at carpenter work these days.

J. Killins has commenced the erection of his new barn.

The frequent showers are placing the farmers in such a predicament that they wonder when they are going to accomplish seeding.

Mr. John Pettigrew is selling wire fence through this vicinity.

George Killins has returned to Dunnville after a month on his farm here, fixing fences, etc.

Owing to the rain on Sunday morning last there was no preaching at Merritt's. Service next Sunday evening at the usual hour.

Fisherville

Seeding, which was in progress last week, was brought to a standstill again by the rainy weather on Sunday and Monday.

Mr. Geo. A. Nablo went to Brantford on business on Monday.

Owing to continued illness, Mr. Ed. Hunsinger, of the firm of Hunsinger & Bacher, intends to dispose of his share in the manufacture of pumps in this village. The firm is doing a good business, and it is very much regretted that Mr. Hunsinger is forced to quit.

Mr. Joseph Shurr intends in a few weeks to make a trip to the Canadian Northwest.

Mr. James Oertman, who underwent an operation in the hospital at Hamilton, took a turn for the worse on Friday. Later reports, however, state that he is again convalescent.

Owing to a number of German settlers from the County of Waterloo, who have taken up farms in Canboro, the Township of Egan, E. of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, of this village, on request, held divine service in the Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon in Canboro village.

Cheapside

Miss Paulina Weiderrick and her brother Orrin were calling on friends in Hagersville on Wednesday last.

Mrs. Wm. Steele has returned home to Hamilton. She has been the past month a guest of her sister, Mrs. Jas. Armstrong.

Mrs. Susan Forsyth celebrated her 70th birthday on May 5, when a few of her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Dennis, Miss Edith Dennis, Mr. Sylvester Gibbs and Mrs. Elizabeth McKinnon and her son, John Forsyth, spent the day pleasantly together.

Mr. Wm. Degrow has purchased a fine new buggy.

Mrs. Frank Tyrrell was a guest at Mrs. R. Stillwell's on Saturday last.

Mrs. Frank Aude spent last Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Joe Aude, Sandusky.

Mr. Jas. Armstrong spent a few days last week in Brantford.

Miss Agatha Stillwell spent the past week with Miss Bessie Dennis, of Meadow Brook farm. On Wednesday, the 5th, Mrs. Tillman Dennis and her sister, Miss Leah Miller, of Selkirk, were also entertained there.

The soil of Meadow Brook farm is no doubt very productive, as Mr. Nelson Dennis has raised a small crop of spring oats, and they are already in head. This may sound incredible to the skeptic and unbelieving. However, such are heartily invited by the owner to call before the crop is harvested, if you to be convinced, and see for yourself.

The May meeting of the Women's Institute was held at Mrs. R. Mattie's, when the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. (Dr.) Sherk; Vice-President, Mrs. F. Aude; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss C. Stillwell. The directors are Mrs. Schwyer, Miss Stillwell and Mrs. C. Brown. After business was completed twenty-three ladies were adjourned to a dainty luncheon. They adjourned to meet again the month following at Mrs. McDonald's.

The McCarthy Bros. had the contract for building the new bent to Mrs. Gibbs' barn on her farm, on the third concession. When living in this locality they had comfortable lodgings at Mr. Ed. Day's. On Friday, the 7th, over forty men gathered to assist in raising the new bent. At the noon hour a luncheon was passed by Mrs. Gibbs, who was assisted by Mrs. A. Harris, Mrs. Greenbury and Mrs. Walter Davis.

Mr. Ivan Steen, from Hagersville, spent the week's end with Mr. Gordon Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Metcalfe and children and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Johnson, of Nanticoke, were visiting at Mr. Chaney Evans' on Sunday, the 9th.

Clarence and Bertha Best spent last Saturday with their cousins, the Shepherds.

Carlisle

Rev. Mr. Moyer, of Lowville, occupied the pulpit in the Methodist Church on Sunday last.

The progressive villagers have put a bell on the blacksmith shop, to let the workmen know when to start work and also when to stop—which is the most important.

Mr. Edward Carroll died in the

Guelph hospital on Tuesday and was buried on Friday morning. James Nelson, of Oklahoma, called on friends in the villages on Tuesday, after an absence of 28 years.

Mr. Bates has improved the appearance of his store by a coat of paint. The farmers are getting a move on to get in their seeds while the sun shines.

South Cayuga

Mr. and Mrs. M. Dohn, of Dunnville, visited A. Bilger's on Sunday.

Miss Kate Huber, of Dunnville, spent Sunday under the parental roof.

Several phones are being installed on the new lines.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Nash, and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown and family, of Dunnville, visited at Emerson High's on Sunday.

Miss Hazel Beck is ill with rheumatism.

The Y. P. A. rally was a huge success. Rev. Mr. Berger, of Cleveland, was the speaker, and the large audience present at each meeting was delighted, and all agree that if Mr. Berger ever comes again he may be sure of a well filled house.

Miss Gladys Winters, of Dunnville, visited Mrs. Freeman Snider on Sunday.

Mrs. A. Clemens has returned from a two month's visit in Berlin.

Miss Almira Warner, of Rainham, visited Miss Eva Beck on Friday.

Mrs. J. E. Hockey, of Dunnville, gave an interesting talk on Missions in the Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon. At the close of the service a W. M. S. was organized with a good membership, and the following officers: President, Mrs. J. W. Hedley; Vice-President, Mrs. J. F. Hockey; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. F. Hockey; Treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Hockey; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Hockey.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Franklin, of Dunnville visited at J. Franklin's on Sunday.

Harper's Corners

Mr. J. Morden, who has been somewhat afflicted for some time is slowly recovering.

Mr. P. Stewart, who cut his foot some time ago is able to get around on it again and purposes to rebuild his barn, which was blown down at the time of the recent severe wind storm.

Mr. J. C. Harper has let his corner house and lot, formerly occupied by C. Harper, his father, to Mr. A. Dale, from Garden Lane, he having sold his farm there.

Mr. A. McFarlane is making preparations to enlarge his barn this season.

Woodburn

Wm. Ridge's barn is nearing completion.

The cheese factory started for the summer on Monday morning.

Two little children of Joe Daw's are under the care of Dr. Woodhall.

Merritt Bros. are busy cleaning up the ruins of the basket factory.

Mrs. Arthur Daw and children, of Auburn, N. Y., spent last week with Mrs. Wm. Daw, of this place.

Miss E. Taylor spent Sunday with Mrs. E. Asher, of Caistorville.

Albion

Mrs. Will Anderson, Christie's Corners, spent a couple of days this week with her mother, Mrs. J. Vanderlip.

Mrs. London, Greenville, spent Sunday the guest of Mrs. A. Markle.

Ed. and Mrs. Curran, G. N. and Mrs. Peet were Sunday visitors of Mrs. E. Vanderlip.

Miss Edna Mott has been spending a few days in Hamilton.

Mrs. Zeno Deagle and children, of Onondaga, visited at T. Lane's on Sunday.

Miss Violet Beggs spent Sunday with Mrs. W. Beggs, Bethesda.

Miss Mary Hammill is spending a couple of weeks in Toronto.

G. Jackson, Rockton, paid a short visit to his sister, Mrs. Ed. Lane, recently.

Attercliffe

Mr. Frank Appleford left last Saturday for Port Dover, where he intends to work in a brick yard this summer.

Mr. Theodore Barker has bought a farm at Abingdon, and will move his family very shortly.

Mr. H. Henry Hartwell is renting the R. Bowman lot in the village for the summer.

Dr. Kerr, of Dunnville, and Dr. Shupe, of Attercliffe Station, have visited a number of patients here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Christian Shirk, of Oklahoma, U. S., made a short visit with their nieces, Mrs. Abe Senabough, here last Sunday, after an absence of twenty-five years.