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INTERESTING ADDRESSES AT S.A. CITADEL.

The S.A. Citadel, New Gower Street was filled to capacity last evening when Adjutant and Mrs. Solomon Smith, who return shortly to India, gave their farewell lecture.

Lady Allardyce who had kindly consented to preside, arrived promptly at 8 o'clock, accompanied by Miss N. Rendell, and was escorted to the platform by Staff-Capt. Sainsbury and Major Tilley, the S.A. Band rendering the National Anthem.

The meeting opened with the hymn "All Hail the Power," accompanied by the band, after which prayer was offered by Adjt. Cornick. Major Tilley introduced Lady Allardyce, thanking her heartily for her presence despite the many other calls on her, and referring to her repeatedly shown interest in all work that tends to the uplifting of the people, either here or in other parts of the Empire. Lady Allardyce in introducing the lecturer, felt it would be a pleasure to hear of the missionary work in other lands as we have very little knowledge of the lives and surroundings of those in the East. She often wondered why we should send money overseas, but the Newfoundlanders are people of open hearts, as shown by the present gathering. Adjutant and Mrs. Smith would tell of the work of uplift in India, and while we could not work there with them, we could do so at home, particularly in connection with the Grace Maternity Hospital. There are still no regulations for the admission of the poor to that institution, but she looked forward to having such at an early date. The lady in charge, Staff-Capt. Fagner, is a wonderful woman, but is desperately overworked and we will one day have a tragedy, as she is asked to do too much under the present conditions. She appealed earnestly for aid for the institution so that in later years it may not be said we had failed in our duty. The work of the Army is needed in St. John's to-day, but those engaged should not be overworked. We should work with our heads as well as hearts and be straight and loyal to one another. She welcomed Adjt. Smith, who leaves shortly to receive his decoration from the King, which she warmly congratulated him on meriting.

Adjutant Smith, who was engaged in social work here before going to India some ten years ago, took as his subject "The Criminal Tribes of India," and in opening, said there is very little of the early history of these tribes to be traced, but the different branches say that two or three centuries ago two Rajput princes, brothers, fought, and the younger was defeated and turned out. He became a religious and professional criminal and the progenitor of the tribes who to-day number about 7 millions. The theory is taken as correct as there is much resemblance between the tribes. They are professional criminals and the fact that they worship crime makes the work of christianizing them very difficult. The fact that religious freedom was granted them by Queen Victoria results in their usually winning court cases as they commit crimes in the name of religion. For many years their depredations proved very embarrassing to the Government, the ordinary laws being useless to check them. Though put in jail for long terms they always returned to a life of crime, every generation becoming worse, so that nobody's life or property was safe. In 1903 the first Criminal Tribes Act was passed and they were put under control of police who restricted them to certain villages. This, however, proved a failure, matters became worse and a new act was passed in 1911, giving them over to the care of the Salvation Army. The Civil Service officials who are without exception men of splendid type, saw that the act seemed harsh and asked different religious bodies to administer it. The S.A. accepted and its officers were given legal powers as magistrates and police. These powers, however, were rarely invoked and Adjt. Smith managed his settlement without any police living there, depending only on religion to work the reform. In 1924 the Government thought the tribes had so much improved that a new act was passed under which all reported by the Salvation Army officers as having committed no crime in 3 years were released. Last year Adjutant Smith had the privilege of recording the release of seven families from his settlement. Great difficulty is experienced in getting the old criminals to change their lives, but particular attention is paid to directing the young in the proper paths, and splendid results have been achieved. In India certain seasons are set aside for marriages, at which much jewellery is displayed, and this is a harvest time for the criminals, who waylay the wedding parties, rob them of their valuables and shoot all who protest. This practice became so bad that on one occasion a large band of reserve police watched for a week for 25 of the criminals who were creating many depredations, but failed to capture them.

On suggestion of Adjutant Smith, some of the police were disguised as women on whom the criminals pounced only to be captured by the other police who had followed in the rear. At Najibabad about 3½ years ago, about 100 men who had left the settlement created much trouble by their plundering. The boys were often taken off at night to become criminals, so that all the Army training went for naught. With a force of only seven, Adjt. Smith, using for once his power as a magistrate, rounded up the band, nine of whom were hanged. The others were charged with committing no less than 500 murders. It was learned that they had planned to kill the Adjutant, and one of them was captured under his window with a gun and large quantity of ammunition. This was a thrilling experience for Mrs. Smith as her husband had to leave her to make the arrests at imminent peril of his life. Gradually the work of reform is being carried on, and in a century the Adjutant expects to see no criminals in India. A great deal of the trouble is due to the high cost of marriage, which is about 1000 rupees so that as the young man cannot earn it because of the low wages paid, he steals it. In attempting to alter this marriage system the missionary is up against religious rites again. These criminal tribes know nothing of work, but the Army has introduced weaving and some of the boys now produce 25 yards of cloth a day. An automatic loom invented by Capt. Maxwell, S.A., is used and some 700 of them are now in operation in various parts of India. In Najibabad settlement, last year, 40 of these looms turned out 40,000 yards of cloth, 500 bedspreads, 1700 pairs of curtains, and hundreds of other things such as tea cloths, duchess sets, pillow slips, tray cloths, etc. The value of these products was about $20,000 in Newfoundland money, and the net profit was given the workers by Adjt. Smith as a bonus in order to encourage them. One of the looms is the largest in the world, and the criminals work it though good citizens in the towns will not. The missionary work is being carried on by education. Sunday and day and night schools have been opened, and the children are being given a chance which their fathers were deprived of. They are playing up to it splendidly and doing good work.

Mrs. Smith followed and dealt with the women and children of the Criminal Tribes. She gave thanks that she had been born in a Christian country when she saw the conditions existing in the East. There the wife is bought and sold again to the first comer if not approved of by the husband. These women have no opportunity to be true mothers, and are held to be possessed of evil spirits if a child dies and are turned out of doors. In one case a sick Hindu woman was not allowed to be attended by a white nurse as the latter would defile the house, and was sent to a cowshed where she became a mother. These women work hard and are often very cunning, frequently planning the crimes carried out by the men.

Since the settlements have been established the women have improved much in their habits of living, and this repays the missionary for the time spent amongst them. In conclusion she asked for the prayers of all for the success of the missionaries.

Lady Allardyce in thanking Adjt. and Mrs. Smith for their addresses congratulated them on their work in India. They had met their responsibilities in a great way, particularly in introducing industrial work. Similar effort is being made here through Nonia and at the Water Street depot over $9000 worth of gobds have been sold in two years. It was interesting to note that such looms as referred to by Adjt. Smith are being imported by Dr. Grenfell and one is in operation at Red Bay. At Fortune great industrial work has been done, providing remunerative employment for the women and resulting in the men wearing real woollen clothing. Samples of this work will be on exhibition at the Industrial Fair next week, and she looked forward to the day when these goods will be made of native and not imported wool. In conclusion Lady Allardyce appealed for assistance for Adjt. and Mrs. Smith and then wished them God speed.

The vote of thanks was warmly accorded Adjt. and Mrs. Smith as was also the vote to Lady Allardyce, proposed by Adjt. Caines and seconded by Y.P.S.M., W. Jennings. Adjt. Smith is a native of Chance Cove and was honoured by the King with the Kaiser-I-Hind medal, first class, for work amongst the Criminal Tribes in India.

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