

# LAYMEN'S CAMPAIGN HAD GOOD OPENING.

Successful Banquet in the Arcade Hall Last Night and Able Missionary Addresses.

Two Important Meetings to be Held This Evening and One To-morrow Evening.

Last evening saw the opening of the laymen's missionary campaign in this city, when the first of a series of meetings was held. A banquet was given in the Arcade, which was attended by about 200 of the representative business men of the city and the Protestant denominations. The menu was a splendid one, all the delicacies of the season being on the table.

The chairman of the evening, Mr. Geo. Hope, called the meeting to order about 7.30. He said that he felt greatly honored to have charge of such a meeting. He was sure that Canada was deeply interested in the movement that is being developed, and was of the opinion that the laymen should give largely to the missionary cause, especially for the development of the work in the heathen countries. He also stated that Canada must not forget the duty it owes to the missionary cause in the great Northwest. He then introduced one of the speakers of the evening, Mr. William T. Ellis, of Philadelphia, a journalist who has travelled around the world in the interests of missions.

Mr. Ellis was given a hearty ovation on rising, and he said he was here to speak to business men who take a business-like view of the missionary problem and who are in favor of giving the problem a square deal. If business men were going to give to the cause of missions, they naturally want to see to what they are giving. Many Americans had questioned the reliability of the missionaries in the heathen countries, and had spoken of the missionaries as grafters, of a type worse than the American or Canadian politician. He characterized such remarks as an insult to Christianity. When such remarks were going around he stated that he had been sent out by his paper and a number of other papers for the purpose of finding out for himself the real truth concerning the matter. While he could not write that every missionary sent out by the churches is a saint, as there are many incompetent, and some who are in the business to make a livelihood out of it, yet so far as he could judge, Mr. Ellis firmly believed that the missionaries are a most efficient body of men. He was of opinion that the foreign missionary ranked higher than any other profession he knew of.

The time has come, asserted Mr. Ellis, when we have to reply to these assertions regarding the work that is being accomplished, and to ram the lies down the throats of those who tell them. Mr. Ellis went on to say that there is not a business firm in the country that is as disloyal to its representatives as the church is to its missionaries. While mission boards are not a thing he believed in, as he considered that money was indiscriminately distributed, there is no doubt that the great good is done by these same boards. To give an idea of the extent of heathenism, Mr. Ellis stated that one could go for a whole year through heathenism and never see a Christian or even a native missionary. He considered that the present age is only the beginning of a beginning in the missionary work that has to be accomplished.

A man who is not doing work in the home missionary cause might be termed an infidel. Religion like charity, should and must begin at home, and it ceases to be religion if it stays at home, and does not look farther than the shores of this country. Mr. Ellis said that he was a believer in comparative religion, and he wanted to throw the veil of Christianity over the great expanse of Christianity. The men who have written so much about the grafting conditions of the missionaries, he had found, had worn out more trousers than those leather in the pursuit of their knowledge. The reeking of the aroma of the study pervaded most of the books, and did not come from the pen of a man who had been and seen the conditions as they actually are.

Mr. Ellis stated that the non-Christian religion has produced an efficient civilization, in referring to China, Japan and India. Some people say that Japan has arisen from the muck of heathenism and is asserting herself, but he considered that while Japan might be efficient in many ways, the moral conditions of the country were awful to behold. China has come to her day of destiny, and is frightened at the prospect ahead of her. This is caused by the belief in Confucius.

"As compared with the conditions in China at the present day, the American nation is in the kindergarten of graft. The whole religion is one graft from start to finish, and the social affairs are such that one man cannot believe another," said Mr. Ellis.

The Oriental, according to Mr. Ellis, is a monumental liar, and cannot conceive truth as being a sacred thing. It was a relief beyond words to be able to get back among white people, and in a white man's country, where one can believe what another man says, with a reasonable degree of safety. In Christianity there has been efficiency. Then again, non-Christian religions have produced a religion that is cruel and selfish. The cruelties practiced by the Chinese are devilish in the extreme. It isn't in China to be merciful and kind. Then again, the non-Christian religion has produced a state of mind among heathen nations, said Mr. Ellis, and immoral conditions that are unparalleled in the history of the world. A person in this country cannot for a moment understand the rottenness of the Oriental.

Japan does not even understand the meaning of the word virtue. Mr. Ellis said that China was no better than her neighbor, and, in fact, there were many cases where it was a good deal worse. And the same could be said of India. The only way to overcome this state of heathenism is to transform the lives of the Oriental by the spirit of Jesus Christ.

Mr. J. Campbell White, of New York, was the next speaker, and while his subject was the missionary problem, it was totally different in style from Mr. Ellis' address. He considered that men should

make a move in the interests of missions, especially foreign missions. Every man could do a great deal more than he supposes, and the effect of his interest in mission work can be more far-reaching than he might imagine. The time will come when Christianity will fill the whole world. He believed that it was entirely within the realm of the present age of Christianity to reach the remotest parts of heathendom. He said that the new spirit that was taking hold of the Christian church to-day was astonishing, and that men do not realize what good they are doing when they help the cause of missions. In 1906 the total amount of money contributed to foreign missions from all the Protestant churches was \$21,280,000. For 1907 \$22,459,000 had been handed over for the cause. Canada and the United States had contributed \$9,458,000 last year, an increase of about \$478,000. Britain gave \$9,361,000, an increase of \$38,000 over the previous year. The British Isles gave twice as much in proportion to population as did Canada and the United States. Other countries contributed \$3,262,000 last year. Mr. White stated that there were about 13,000 missionaries of all Protestant denominations in foreign countries, and that it costs \$1,700 a year for their upkeep. He said that this was too economical a basis to work on, and the churches should make it run up to \$2,000 a year. At this rate the cost per person that could be reached would be \$2 a year for the maintenance of the missionaries. When one stops to consider that there are 325,000,000 people, divided among 13,000 missionaries, or at the rate of 25,000 people for each missionary, the work that has to be accomplished is something universal. If all heathendom could be reached the missionary force would have to be quadrupled.

Mr. White gave out a statement of the amount of money that was being used in religious purposes in the church of this city. He said that \$151,447 had been for congregational purposes, \$27,339 had been sent to the Home Missions, and that \$12,091 had been contributed to the foreign missions. These were the figures for last year.

"When the Church of Christ makes religious universal, the day will not be far distant when it will be winning souls for Jesus Christ," were the concluding words of Mr. White.

This afternoon a women's mass meeting is being held in Centenary lecture hall, in connection with the work.

Evening there will be addresses by Mr. Ellis and Mr. White in the Association Hall at 8 o'clock, and at the same hour a young people's mass meeting in St. Paul's Church.

On Thursday evening there will be a meeting in Wesley Church, for men only, when the above speakers will again speak.

**EVELYN HORRIFIED.**

Overcome at Sight of Her Husband's Asylum Companions.

Matthewan, N. Y., Feb. 4.—The horrors of the madhouse, coming close upon the nervous strain of the murder trial, overcame Evelyn Nesbit Thursday evening. She had been in the reception room and looked into the hall. At sight of a group of lunatics, gesticulating and chattering, she stepped quickly back into the reception room, sank on a sofa and became hysterical.

"This is no place for Harry, in with all those insane people," she sobbed. "He is as sane as you or I. But he will go crazy if they keep him locked here with these creatures for another forty-eight hours. I would go crazy myself here. Look at these gloomy painted walls. Hear the voices of poor men and women. It's horrible—horrible."

Then she turned on Lawyer O'Reilly. "Mr. O'Reilly," she demanded, "I don't care what any one else says—I tell you to get that writ of habeas corpus and save my husband from this terrible place. In his nervous state he will surely go mad here. You must get him out of here before it is too late."

**RESENT THE MISSIONARY.**

La Presse is Wrathful at Presbyterian Evangelization.

Montreal, Feb. 4.—La Presse of this evening states that it is a gratuitous insult to the Presbyterian Church to attempt the evangelization of the French-Canadian people.

"Is it not possible," asks La Presse, "to finish once and for all with this enterprise of another age? We are sure that the great body of the English Protestant people here in Montreal do not by any means judge us beneath them in the Christian religion."

**CUT FOR GUELPH, TOO.**

Council May be Asked to Reduce the Licenses.

Guelph, Feb. 4.—It is now rumored on the very best authority, that, in spite of the great hotel accommodation required in Guelph during the Winter Fair week, an attempt will be made to follow Toronto's lead. The council will be asked to reduce the number of licenses in the city from fifteen, as at present, to ten. The general opinion is, however, that such a resolution will not get the support of the council as at present constituted.

**NOT INJURED BY LEAP.**

Man Who Sprang Through Car Window Continues Journey.

Watford, Feb. 4.—Carl Olson, the Chicago man who, while laboring under delirium, jumped through the window of a passenger coach on the Buffalo express, two miles west of here, on Monday, escaped with a few bruises and was able to resume his journey to his destination in New York on the evening train.

## TWO BIG FIRES. \$400,000 Loss at Berlin, N. H.— Help From Outside.

Berlin, N. H., Feb. 5.—Two separate fires in the business section of this town early to-day were controlled after five hours, causing damage estimated at \$400,000.

The Green block, in which the first blaze originated, which was occupied by business houses as well as sheltering some forty tenants and the Berlin National Bank, were destroyed by the fire at the lower end of the town, which was the first. The six tenement buildings, several blocks up Main street, were burned to the ground by the second fire. The two fires burning at each end of the business section alarmed the local officials, and help was summoned from Portland and Lewiston, Me.

## INSTITUTE IN ST. PAUL'S.

Presbyterian Sunday School Workers Hold Meeting.

And Discuss Subjects of Importance to Work.

Good Attendance and Much Useful Information.

Yesterday afternoon and evening in St. Paul's Church the Sabbath School Institute of Presbyterian Sunday schools of Hamilton and the surrounding towns had a convention, which was largely attended. Delegates from all the churches in this city and from Waterdown, Barton and other places were present, and an interesting and instructive time was spent. In the afternoon Rev. J. Anderson, B. D., Waterdown, was the chairman, and the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. Roy Van Wyck, of Sherman Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Rev. J. C. Robertson, B. A., Toronto, gave two addresses during the afternoon, which were later discussed by other members. His first address was "How Can the Sunday School Help Home Life?" and the discussion on this was led by Rev. D. Anderson, B. A., and Mr. J. H. Horning, in a very able manner. "A Teacher's Encouragements and Discouragements" was his second topic, and the discussion was led by Rev. S. H. Gray, B. A., and Mr. Logan, of Barton Church. They went into this subject at some length in an endeavor to assist all teachers in their work.

Some questions taken up briefly and discussed by Rev. J. C. Robertson were: The attendance of scholars at church services, home department, teaching special lessons, temperance, review, etc., grading the schools, how to increase the Sunday school enrolment, memorization of Scripture and Catechism, the place of the Bible and lesson helps in Sunday school work.

At the evening meeting Mr. W. H. McLaren was the chairman, and the devotional exercises were led by Rev. T. MacLachlan, B. A., of St. James' Presbyterian Church. Rev. J. C. Robertson again delivered two addresses, "How to Interest the Sunday School in Missions," and "How Best to Secure and Prepare Teachers."

The discussion on the first was conducted by Rev. J. Young, M. A., and Mr. Byron Smith, and on the second by Rev. W. H. Sedgewick, M. A., and Mr. W. R. Leckie. The supplementary subjects mentioned in the afternoon's work were continued, not being finished when the session was closed in the afternoon.

Refreshments were served in the school room between the afternoon and evening sessions, to enable those from out of town to get their supper handily. James Johnson and Miss L. McLaren provided excellent music during the meetings.

**Hon. Adam Beck Returns.**

London, Feb. 4.—Hon. Adam Beck, who has been resting as the guest of royalty in Pennsylvania, returned to-day, and left to-night for Toronto. Mr. Beck has much improved in health.

## RULERS, PRESIDENTS AND MINISTERS SLAIN OR ATTACKED SINCE 1800

Napoleon I., attempted, Dec. 24, 1800.

Paul, Czar of Russia, March 24, 1801.

Spencer Percival, Premier of England, May 11, 1812.

George IV., attempt, Jan. 28, 1817.

Andrew Jackson, President United States, attempt, Jan. 29, 1835.

Louis Philippe, of France, many attempts from 1835 to 1846.

Frederick William, of Prussia, attempt, May 22, 1850.

Francis Joseph, of Austria, Feb. 18, 1853.

Ferdinand, Charles III., Duke of Parma, March 27, 1854.

Isabella II., of Spain, three attempts, from 1847 to 1856.

Napoleon III., three attempts, from 1855 to 1858.

Daniel, Prince of Montenegro, Aug. 13, 1860.

Abraham Lincoln, President United States, April 14, 1865.

Michael, Prince of Serbia, June 10, 1868.

Prim, Marshal of Spain, Dec. 28, 1870.

Richard, Earl of Mayo, Governor-General of India, Feb. 8, 1872.

Abdul Aziz, Sultan of Turkey, June 4, 1876.

William I., of Prussia, three attempts, from 1861 to 1878.

Alexander II., Czar of Russia, six attempts, and finally killed by explosion of bomb, March 13, 1881.

Mohammed Ali, Pash, Sept. 7, 1858.

Lytton, Lord, Viceroy of India, attempt, Dec. 12, 1878.

Alfonso XII., of Spain, two attempts, 1878-79.

Bartolomeo, Premier of Roumania, attempt, Dec. 14, 1880.

## WAIT TO HEAR FROM CO.

Board of Works Will Take Up Road Scheme Then.

The Aldermen Seem to Favor Local Improvement.

Manager Hawkins Promises to Install Nernst Lamps.

Until the Street Railway Company submits the proposition announcing the terms under which it will install a new system the Board of Works declined to take action on the suggestion to introduce local improvement or submit a by-law to provide the necessary amount for going into a scheme of good roads improvement on a large scale. The matter was discussed at the meeting last night, and Mayor Stewart urged that it was important some action should be taken at once, as the estimates would be struck shortly. He suggested a special meeting of the board to deal with the matter. Ald. McLaren and Allan pointed out that Colonel Gibson had promised to submit his proposition to the city within two weeks. As soon as this was received the board would know where it stood.

"All right, if you want to take the stand of being dictated to by the railway," said the mayor.

"I am not taking any such stand," protested Ald. McLaren, who explained that the city found it to its interest to work with the street railway rather than against it, that was the course he preferred to pursue.

If the company's proposition did not prove feasible, and there was no prospect of a settlement, the right thing to do was to apply to the Ontario railway board. Mayor Stewart expressed himself strongly in favor of this, and said that the city could do that now, and the board would order the company to fix up its tracks where the city was going to lay permanent pavement.

Ald. McLaren could not see it in that light. The board might permit the company to use the old rails again, as it had done on Herkimer street.

The committee was a unit in agreeing that something had to be done about the roads, and they seemed to favor local improvement. The Mayor expressed himself strongly in favor of this, and said that the city could do that now, and the board would order the company to fix up its tracks where the city was going to lay permanent pavement.

The council could go into the local improvement scheme without submitting a by-law to the people. If a large sum of money is to be expended it will be necessary to submit a by-law for the issuing of debentures.

The committee will have a conference with the Finance Committee shortly about the Guelph Junction Railway, and it was agreed that a special meeting should be called as soon as the street railway's proposition is received.

Another little dispute between the city and Cataract Company was amicably adjusted. This was the matter of the Nernst lamps, which was up last year. Some of the Board of Works aldermen declared that the General Manager Hawkins had told them at a conference that he would have the twelve lights in question installed at once, and the next day changed his mind and wrote a letter saying that he would not.

Mr. Hawkins appeared before the committee and said that he had given instructions to install lamps where they would not mean a loss of more than 20 per cent. of what the company could hope to receive in gross receipts until the end of the contract term. Although Mr. Hawkins declared that he did not understand it the way the aldermen did, he said, "If I promised it, why, I will do it."

The lights will be installed at once. Mr. Hawkins stated that the installing of the lamps meant that the company would lose a good deal more than 20 per cent. on some of them.

City Engineer Barrow reported that it would cost \$2,000 to build a retaining wall at the Jolley Cut, and the board decided to put it in the estimates. Mr. Barrow stated that it would cost \$10,920 to build a road from the foot

# THE RIGHT HOUSE

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## Black dress goods sale

OUR great February Sale of Black Dress Materials offers remarkable bargains in splendid new weaves for spring wear. There are all weights in plain and fancy weaves, including Panamas, Voiles, Arumers, Venetians, Cashmires, Nun's Veilings, Marquisesettes, Crepe de Chines, etc.

39c. value 50 to 60c.

49c. value 60 to 80c.

69c. value 85c to \$1.00.

88c. value \$1.25 to \$1.35.

\$1.19. value \$1.75 to \$2.00.

75c taffeta silks 39c

Pure All Silk Taffeta in nice firm quality and rich finish. Suitable for blouses, dresses, linings, etc. The lot includes one or two pieces of exquisite Louisine Silks. The shades are grey, sky, Nile, rose, purple, mauve.

\$7.50 separate skirts \$5

Right House tailored in graceful perfect fitting styles that are at once distinctive and pleasing. They are made of fashionable Vicunas—black, cream, navy, brown, green, cardinal and Bordeaux shades.

## \$30 fur coats \$22.50

WARM Black Astrakhan Coats that will withstand the intense cold. Smart new styles in 27 to 30-inch lengths; bright finish and even curl; quilted satin linings; big, comfortable storm collars and revers, value \$30 to \$35, to-morrow \$22.50.

## Warm tweed coats

\$2.88, formerly \$7.00.  
\$3.95, formerly \$8.50.  
\$5.95, formerly \$12.00.

Smart styles in warm, heavy winter Tweeds, this season's new seven-eighth length, loose back kinds, that are extremely popular. Over that all go now at less than half price. These styles will be good for next winter, as well as this. Better secure one now and save.

## Flannelette gowns

39c. value 50c.

49c. value 75c.

Plain white and neat stripe designs. Good, warm, soft, heavy, fast colored, good washing quality. English Flannelettes, neatly made and finished.

## Embroidery specials

THE great special values offered here each day in Embroideries of all kinds are claiming the attention of every woman in this vicinity. Many lines are on sale at greatly below real value. Assortments are immense. We note but a few of the special lots.

65c to \$1.50 Blouse Frontings

69c to \$1.19.

70c to \$1.15 Allovers, 49c to 88c.

85c to \$1.50 Ruffled Skirtings, 69c to \$1.19.

Linen are underpriced

Good Household Linens—the kinds that every housewife needs are here for to-morrow at special under prices. Vast lots are on display. The values equal those of the famous January sale. In some cases still further reductions have been made.

\$2 to \$5.88 Table Cloths \$1.49 to \$5.00.

23c to 40c Huck Towels, 18c to 32c.

\$2.10 to \$4.00 Napkins, \$1.73 to \$2.00.

9c to 15c Towelings, 7c to 12 1/2c

Trunks greatly reduced

All sizes in Steamer and regular styles. Heavy canvas and leather linings, brass trimmed, hardwood slats; steel bound; regular \$5.50 up to \$10, now \$4.75 to \$5.47.

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## WATERDOWN

Miss Lizzie Walker is very ill. Sunday proved a veritable snow-block. Attendance was small at all the churches.

On Monday evening Knox Church held its annual congregational meeting. The attendance was good and the interest keen. Reports from the various organizations showed healthy activity. The general fund showed an increase of \$800 over any previous year, over \$400 of this amount being devoted to benevolent, missionary and educational purposes. The death roll numbered thirteen.

A lively interest is manifested here in the Shacketown relief fund. The severe weather has developed a great deal of throat and lung trouble. It is the doctors' harvest time.

Mr. Fred Crocker has assumed his new duties of postmaster, his assistant, Miss Fleming, of Oakville, will receive a hearty welcome.

## S. S. NO. 8, ANCASTER.

The following report shows the average marks obtained by each pupil in the examinations in arithmetic, grammar and dictation during January.

Senior fourth—J. B. Van Sickle 86, Gordon Van Sickle 82, Nettie Jackson 75, Kate Butler 72, Flossie Bradt 66, Arthur Shaver 60, Grace Butler and Blanche Van Sickle, absent for exams.

Junior fourth—Hugh Phillips 60, Walter Stevenson 57, John Johnson, 66, Robert Johnson 52.

Senior third—Elmer Sager 95, Rena Van Sickle 94, Ella Johnson 91, Hazel McMurray 80.

Junior third—Ruth Bradt 83, Gladys and Hazel Richardson each 76, J. W. Phillips 73.

Senior second—Ethel McMurray 89, Earl Stevenson 75.

Junior second—Merrill Swim 92, Jean Shaver 88, Ida Johnson 77, Jennie Phillips 75, David Kelly 74, Dorothy Jackson 73, Nellie Jackson 62.

Number on roll 35; average attendance 30; present every day—K. Butler, J. Butler, W. Braithwaite, N. Jackson, D. Jackson, E. Johnson, I. Johnson, M. H. Lyons, and H. McMurray, J. W. Phillips, W. Stevenson, J. Swain, and G. VanSickle, R. L. Hyslop, teacher.

## BURGLAR PROVES LUNATIC.

Mar Who Robbed St. Catharines Store Arrested.

St. Catharines, Feb. 4.—The man who broke into Bissonnette & Case's clothing store and Coy Bros' hardware, about two weeks ago, was arrested in Buffalo yesterday. He turned out to be an escaped lunatic from the Brockville Asylum.

When arrested he had a grip which had been stolen from a store in Buffalo on Saturday night, along with about \$300 worth of goods. Chief Parnell, of St. Catharines, went to Buffalo to bring him back.

The prisoner first gave the name of Stanley, but admitted this was not his right name. He took the name of Stanley because it was a "higher name" than his own, which is Kennedy. He said the clothes which he discarded here were those given him by the asylum authorities at Brockville. He had been an inmate of the asylum at Brockville for six years, and had also spent 18 months in the Ogdensburg, N. Y., asylum. He said he was born in Chicago, but his mother now resides in Kingston.

Asked how he came to leave the Brockville Asylum, he said he "just walked away." The Buffalo police were anxious to get rid of Kennedy, but Chief Parnell, of St. Catharines, did not want him. "Well, we will send him across anyway," said Chief Taylor.

## The Finest Horses

In Ontario will be seen at the Ontario Horse Breeders' Exhibition, to be held in Toronto, Feb. 12th to 14th. The Grand Trunk Railway system wish to announce that they will sell return tickets at single first class fare, good going, Feb. 12, 13, and 14, valid returning until Feb. 15th. Secure tickets from any Grand Trunk Agent.

## WINSLOW

Mr. and Mrs. James Black, of this place, has gone for a few days' visit north of Toronto.

Mr. Fred. Sorge, jun., is suffering with a cut of an axe across his foot.

Mr. Mateland Singer had the misfortune to break his new engine while trying to remove it from Mr. John Naergarth's, where he had been engaged saving wood.

Mr. William Naergarth returned home on Saturday afternoon from attending a wedding at Bismark on Wednesday last.

Mr. George Chase has sold his farm at this place to Mr. Annis Tefft and intends having an auction sale on Feb. 12th, to get rid of his farm stock and implements.

Mr. and Mrs. William Griffin visited at Mr. John Fisher's on Friday last.

Mr. Franklin Folick is cutting a piece of his bush this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Bennett, of Beausville, visited at Mr. Wm. Griffin's last Thursday.