

TRUST AND OBEY--HE LIFTETH ME

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST IS HE YOURS?

THE FIGHT IS ON NO BURDENS YONDER

The Star

THE GREAT EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN WILL BE BROUGHT TO A CLOSE THIS EVENING

ORGANIZER McPHIE MAKES HIS REPORT ON THE CAMPAIGN  
Dr. McPhie, Organizer and General Director, Presents His Report, Dealing with the Work Attempted and Accomplished--A Remarkably Successful Campaign

Special Services Which Have Been Attended by Countless Thousands Have Resulted in Untold Good in St. John--What the Leading Workers Have to Say About the Movement.

CHAIRMAN FLANDERS HIGHLY SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS  
Dr. C. R. Flanders, General Chairman, Discusses the Movement as it was Felt in the Centenary Group--No Praise too High for Eloquent Speakers and Accomplished Singers

EVANGELISTIC FIGURES  
Number of Evangelists... 9  
Number of Evangelistic Singers... 8  
Number of churches engaged in the service... 29  
Estimated attendance at all meetings... 137,000  
Number of meetings held... 213  
Average attendance at a meeting... 615

By REV. DUNCAN MCPHIE  
It has been my privilege to be associated with the evangelistic workers and the pastors in the Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign in the City of St. John, N. B., during the month of Feb. 1910. This was the first Evangelistic Campaign of the simultaneous order ever held in the Maritime Provinces and I congratulate St. John City in taking the leadership in inaugurating this first simultaneous evangelistic series of meetings in the provinces.

The unity, sympathy, harmony and co-operation of the churches and pastors must be an unspeakable blessing to the cause of Christ in St. John. I have no hesitation in saying that because of past experiences in evangelistic campaigns and being in close touch with the campaign here, I am in a position to give a just estimate of the value and importance of the St. John simultaneous meetings.

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I pay the highest tribute to the ministers of St. John I have been intimately associated with in this campaign. All have manifested the spirit of sympathetic and hearty co-operation and labored earnestly that the work might be carried on to its complete victory. I wish to express my great appreciation of the loyalty and devotion of all the evangelists and gospel singers. I thank the people of St. John for their interest and valued assistance in the cause of Christ and for the civic betterment of their splendid city.



From Left to Right--Rear Row--H. H. Here, F. A. Bowdoin, C. F. Allen, Rev. Geo. Wood, Rev. A. J. Smith, E. R. Naffziger, F. M. Lamb, Middle Row--O. S. Grey, Rev. M. S. Rees, Rev. A. B. Winchester, Rev. W. A. Cameron, Rev. Charles Sykes, Rev. F. A. Robinson, William Matheson, Front Row--Lawrence Greenwood, Rev. Duncan McPhie, A. N. Petter.

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I am glad I came to St. John and so long a time shall pass shall not forget the kindness of the people of your great city.

SINGERS NEVER HAD SUCH A RECEPTION SAYS CHAS. F. ALLEN

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In all my experience I have not known a greater reception given to the singing of the gospel. Men and women have fought for standing room at the great song-services. We have had splendid assistance from many of the best local talent. Nearly all of the church singers have seemed to take unusual interest at all times. We have found St. John has a great number of splendid singers, and the congregation has caught the spirit of the choir and soloists until they sing as one great choir. One thing that I want to mention is the great interest taken by the men singers from all the churches. I have never had better male singing than in this city. We usually find a greater amount of interest taken by the women, but the honor seemed to be evenly divided here. The support we have received in the Saturday evening song services has been great, and I would like to say at this time, that I have never been in a city where the force has been combined to the one ultimate object of the winning of souls than in this city. I want to thank the chairman of the central music committee, as well as the chairman in each district for their loyal support during our stay here, and I shall always remember St. John as one of the greatest triumphs for the spreading of the gospel I have ever seen.

W. C. CROSS.  
Mr. W. C. Cross of St. Stephen's group said: The simultaneous campaign is the best conducted religious effort I have ever known in St. John to reach the general public. I consider the presentation of the gospel has been straightforward, resulting in the deepening of the spiritual life on the part of professing Christians of St. John. I feel that those who have confessed conversion have not been unduly influenced in their emotions worked upon as was the custom with evangelistic services some 15 or 20 years ago.

THE CAMPAIGN BEGUN

Tonight the curtain falls on the first act of the religious drama being played in St. John. Up till the present the Simultaneous Campaign has been chiefly of a preliminary nature. It is true that the three weeks of meetings have been particularly attractive and have been of untold benefit to the churches in putting new life into the regular work, but the principal opportunity of the movement is still to come. The services of the past few weeks have been chiefly for the purpose of inducing those who previously have been disinterested to take a more active interest in the affairs of their own churches, and intensely the enthusiasm of those who had already been numbered among the workers, and more general interest in the religious effort as a whole, the various groups which have been engaged will resume their individuality as churches and will devote to the campaign a closer personal attention than has been possible while the meetings have been in progress.

The group meetings have only prepared the way, the real work is still to come, and pastors and personal workers encouraged by the remarkable enthusiasm which has been developed will go forward with greater energy and determination than previously existed. It is a mistake to say that the campaign is closing. It is equally erroneous to endeavor at the present time, to estimate the results. What has been accomplished cannot be known for months yet, but the effect of these services will be appreciated in an awakened activity in religious affairs, apparent only through time to those most closely concerned, and realized best by the men and women who have been influenced.

As to the services themselves there can be nothing but the warmest praise for the manner in which they have been conducted. There has been a wholly gratifying sincerity on the part of churches and clergy in this effort. There has been an absolute freedom from any of those petty disagreements or prejudices which are so often found in religious work. There has been heartiness of co-operation, an unselfishness, and a cheerful optimism which could not but impress even those to whom campaigns of this sort are usually distasteful. The Evangelists, speakers, and singers, brought here from other cities have been without exception men of marked ability. Opportunity has been afforded for the enjoyment of addresses and of music of a high standard and in addition to the spiritual benefits which might accrue from these meetings, a great deal of pleasure has been offered St. John audiences. Indeed the whole campaign has been conducted in a manner which entitles its promoters to the hearty congratulations of everyone. Business methods have been introduced, and under capable organization the whole plan has been carried out without a hitch. As anticipated, it took some time to arouse the people of this city to a full appreciation of what was offered them, but during the past week they have realized their privileges and the meetings have been particularly enthusiastic. It is stated that on the average no larger audiences have ever greeted the evangelists who were heard in St. John than those which attended the services held here, nor has there been anything lacking to make the meetings fulfill the highest aspirations of those in charge.

SIMPLY DELIGHTED WITH ST. JOHN, SAYS DR. REES, OF CARLETON

REV. MILTON S. REES.  
St. John has been a most interesting city to me, and the people most delightful. Rev. W. J. Buchanan, a resident of St. John, had told me much about the city, being one of the pastors at our meetings at Dover, N. H., but all of my anticipations have been more than realized. I have been impressed with the attitude of the city towards the high ideals of the church and services, especially towards this forward movement. The unity of the churches, the devotion and ability of the pastors, the number, character and high standard of the daily papers with the large amount of space given daily to the work has been almost without a parallel. The group idea is most effective, making it possible for all who desire to attend a service near their home. We are all thankful, and have seen most impressed with the quiet, wise, strong and most excellent leadership of Mr. Duncan A. MacPhie of St. John. How strong and efficient the leadership of the music has been. The Saturday night concerts have been marvelous in attendance, interest, and power under the leadership of Chas. F. Allen. Surely this cold, invigorating climate has developed a vigorous and high type among men and women. We have received the kindest consideration and most faithful co-operation from many.

Of Carleton permit me especially to speak: We were very fortunate in securing the auditorium of Carleton in securing the auditorium of the City Hall. Night and day large numbers have crowded, and the quiet attention has been as little less than marvelous. The interest of all classes of men, as well as women, have manifested in the services, is a matter of profound gratitude. For the homes transformed, lives changed, horizons broadened, churches strengthened, we give thanks to the One who inspired the movement, answered our prayers, succeeded our efforts, and made the last three weeks memorable in the lives of so many.

I have been thankful for the devotion and activity of the pastors on the West

The demonstration of the true value of the Evangelistic Campaign to St. John is in the future. Some of its benefits are already in evidence. One might mention the salutary object lesson it teaches in the unity and harmony of the spiritual forces engaged in it. Even the most unsympathetic critic must have been compelled to admit repeatedly the goodness and pleasantness of brethren dwelling together in unity. That a profound impression has been made upon our citizens no one can deny. Hundreds openly and many more in secret have seriously asked the question: "What must I do to be saved?" To my mind the chief benefit of the campaign which is now apparent is in the quickening of the churches. In view of this I am looking for much greater results than are now in evidence. It is a significant fact that already the churches that have been most devoted and zealous are reaping the largest harvest.

In the Centenary group the work has progressed quietly and harmoniously. Rev. C. A. Sykes has proved himself a strong, evangelistic and attractive preacher who steadily grew in the people's esteem. Mr. Naffziger's singing has been highly appreciated and his tact and skill as a director of the musical exercises have been much admired. These men have won a warm place in the hearts of the people of this group. In the dragging of the Gospel net some have been caught. How well they may be cured is now the most serious problem of all.

Two facts incidental to the campaign should be emphasized both of importance although one of far greater moment than the other. I recently heard our city described as "a songless town." The campaign has shown conclusively that if this be true it certainly is not through any lack of beautiful voices or of a taste for music. If St. John could lay hands upon an Allen to train our children in the public schools and to promote great services of song our people would soon find their voices and our churches would resound with congregational singing.

The other fact is of more moment and was emphasized the other day by the editor of one of our city papers. In spite of the modern views of Christianity and the developments of higher criticism the simple story of the Gospel is more attractive than ever to the great mass of men who are concerned about the saving of their lives. The crowded churches of the last three weeks and the eagerness with which all classes of men and women have listened to the preaching of the Gospel bear witness to this.

CHAS. R. FLANDERS.  
MAYOR BULLOCK.  
"The community is under a sense of gratitude to those who have made this campaign possible and to the evangelists who have put so much spirit and force into the religious life of our people. Never before has our city as a whole been so aroused and so united in an evangelistic effort. All denominations have manifested their interest and the fact that so many have united with one aim will in itself tend to strengthen the cause of Christ in our city."

Side group. Side by side at those afternoon and evening services have been those faithful members. Much of hard work have been crowded into these three weeks. We have received the kindest consideration and most faithful co-operation, and will ever praise God for the opportunities, associations, friends and blessings received in St. John.

SHOWERS OF BLESSING