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PLEA TO SUPPORT MARITIME SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

Mayor Fisher, Miss Ellis, Secretary Downe and Others Speak at Imperial

time School for the Blind in Halifax which was presented at the mass meeting in the Imperial Theatre last night was doubly appealing from the fact that three of the graduates of the school took part in the programme. Professor Hollis Lindsay, the blind musician, a member of the teaching staff of the school and gold medallist of Chicago University, gave a wonderful demonstration of his mastery of the plano; William Davis, blind musician of St. John, gave a pleasing vocal solo that was heartily encored and Miss Evelyn Ellis, blind teacher of literature of the staff of the school, pleaded for assistance in carrying on its work. J. F. Downe, the secretary of the campaign, gave facts and figures concerning the need and the work being done. The chairman was Rev. Canon R. A. Armstrong, who recalled the story related in chapter 9 of St. John's gospel which tells of Christ restoring the sight to the blind. Canon Armstrong said those who had sight could not but extend sympathy to those who had in ot and he pointed out that sympathy was only of use when it brought action. Mrs. A. W. Estey, president of the Women's Council, and Mayor Fisher were on the platform.

Miss Ellis spoke of the great affliction which blindness was and of the desolation found in being both blind and idle, as the untrained blind must be. Then she described the work of the School for the Blind in bringing education and useful occupations to those without sight. There were at present 156 pupils in the school, she said. There was no law of compensation which brought other gifts when sight was taken, the only compensation was found in the sympathy which resulted in support of such work as the School for the Blind.

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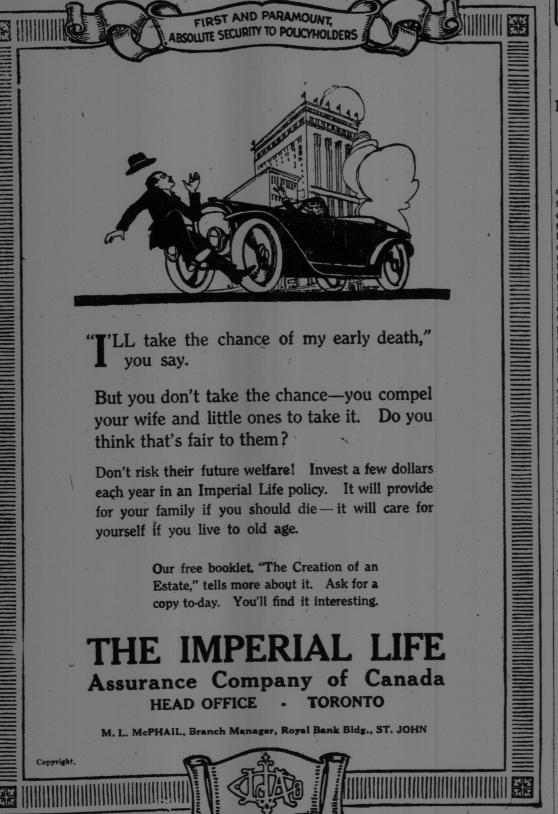
Mr. Downe said worthy appeals must multiply and not decrease as more and more there was a practical application of the principles of Christ. For each pupil in the school, he said, the Provincial Government paid \$200 and the municipality \$200 and the endowment of the school added another \$50 but that was \$50 short of the actual cost and as the result of lack of support in war years and of loss during the Halifax disaster the school now had a debt of \$33,000. The school was giving a literary, musical and vocational education and hequoted Rev. Francis Lockary as saying that one New Brunswick boy who was proving an apt pupil at the school would undoubtedly have lost his reason had it not been for the training and interest the school supplied. The other New Brunswick boys trained at the school had so far succeeded that today one-was a Presbyterian minister and the other a Baptist minister. In the broom factory in connection with the school there were 18 to 20 employed. He asked the audience to consider what it would mean if the school and the broom factory were closed because of lack of funds. A dearchild blinded by accident might seek the aid of the school in vain and the 18 or 20 men would be turned adrift with no hope. Even at the present time between 30 and 40 blind seeking admission could not be received at the school. In telling of some specially cheering incidents in the campaign for funds, Mr. Downe related how the miners at Springhill had pledged one per cent of their wages for one week and later had sent the sum of \$1,200 as their contribution to the school.

Mayor Fisher spoke briefly in support of the appeal and the remainder of the meeting was taken up with a showing of motion pictures of the work at the School for the Blind. Mr. Downe reminded the audience that nine St. John children are at present in the school. John children are at present in the

REV. W. H. SPENCER GIVES HIS FAREWELL

It was with regret the congregation of St. Matthew's church listened last evening to the farewell address of Rev. W. H. Spencer, who has resigned. He will leave Wednesday for Charlottetown. Mr. Spencer preached from the text John 17: 20-21, making a plea for spiritual unity.

After the serman Mr. Spencer bade farewell to the congregation. He recalled how he had come to St. Matthew's as supply minister in Nov. 27, 1920, and had been inducted as minister on April 21, 1921. He spoke about the vacancy in the Douglas avenue Christian church caused by the leath of Rev. William Phillips, and recalled many occasions when that longregation had united with St. Mathew's during the absence of one paster. Now that both were without a minister he urged that spiritual unity still prevail.



GIRL GUIDE FLAG

Presentation is Made in Knox Edifice Before a Large Congregation

and dedication of the Girl Guide flag for the Knox church company of Guides which took place yesterday afternoon in the church were attended by a large congregation and throughout were marked by reverence and dignity. The flag is a very handsome Union Jack with the gilt trefoil emblem of the Canadian Girl Guides and the lettering C. G. G. topping the pole. Its cord is of black and orange, the colors of the company. The flag was the gift of Mrs. Murray MacLaren, the president of the Girl Guide Association for this district and in the absence of Mrs. MacLaren was presented by Mrs. W. L. Caldow.

The color party which received the flag was composed of first Patrol Leader Isabelle Kinsman and second-patrol leader, Gertrude Humphrey, and Guide Marjorie Adamson. After the flag had been presented Miss Edythe Mitchell, lieutenant of the company received it and held it during the service of dedication which was conducted by Rev. R. Moorhead Legate, minister of the for the Knox church company of

In his address Mr. Legate told of the high principles and ideals of the Girl Guides and impressed upon the Guides present their privileges and re-sponsibilities. His address was an inspiration to everyone present.

Mrs. Arnold Gibbon is the captain
of Knox church Guides and was in



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charge of the company, the members of which were wearing their neat uniforms of navy blue with orange ties and were very smartly drilled in their bearing. Trinity company in charge of Miss Marjorie Knight and St. Paul's company in charge of Miss Irene Barber attended the ceremonies also.

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Portland Methodist Sunday school

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On Friday evening Dr. William Mc-Intosh gave an illustrated lecture on "The Forests of New Brunswick."

This meeting was held in the Sunday school room and was under the auspices of the Young People's Association. A. C. Power presided.

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Many Reasons From Many Users

See Any Authorized Ford Dealer

If you were to ask the next fifty

Ford owners you meet why they prefer Fords, you would get a wide variety of answers.

Some would say, "Because they seem never to wear out;" others

would answer, "Because they cost so little." Many would reply

"Because I can get service anywhere;" and just as many,
"Because it is the only car I can

All would tell you, "Because they cars combined.

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master a bad road in any weather," a woman driver would respond, "Because I can drive it so easily."

From the fleet-owners you would hear, "Because I can buy two or three or four Ford Trucks for the

Wherever you might inquire you would hear expressed these basic reasons why Ford predominates—why, year after year, Ford sales equal the total sales of all other

price of one big truck.

IS GIVEN GREETING. carried out a programme of missionary interest yesterday. Miss Ella Bell directed the programme, which was presided over by S. S. Kirk, superin-

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