

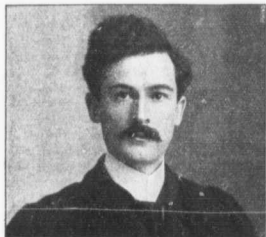
### Dr. Barrie's Home-Coming.

Dr. H. G. Barrie, the representative of the Y.M.C.A. with the first contingent to South Africa, has received a very cordial reception on his return to Canada, and has delivered a number of addresses on his experiences with the army. The following is an extract from one of his talks:

"Little Bobs" was the man whose influence for righteousness was felt from the top to the bottom of the army. He was a man who took the initiative in everything. On the Sabbath you would see him passing down some village street with his Bible under his arm, and his tall Indian servant behind him—the servant who attended him everywhere, and whom we called his shadow. He is the man to whom our committee is greatly indebted, because he gave us a letter that made everything easy and smooth in our work.

"The Canadians were always noticed. Why? Because few of the other regiments of the Empire had so large and fine-looking a body of men as the Canadians.

"During the marches it was a touching sight at night on the open veldt to see groups of soldiers huddling around a lighted candle with hymn books in hand, singing 'Rock of Ages,' 'Lead Kindly Light,' and the other good hymns, with the stir and motion of a vast camp around them. Among the saving influences, that of letter-writing took no small place. Many men were induced to write to their mothers who were yearning to



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hear from their absent boys. The Association also supplied the men, as far as possible, with wholesome literature, for the want of which many fell into evil habits.

"Hospital visitation was another branch of the work. When the fever was raging at Bloemfontein there was a great opportunity for Christian workers. Personal work among the soldiers was also a feature in which we rejoiced, and many of the men accepted Christ. The majority of the men who professed conversion were the men who laid down their lives."

The non-commissioned officers and men of the Royal Canadian Regiment presented Dr. Barrie with a purse of \$25 as a mark of its esteem, and did it with a heartiness that took him off his feet. It was done on board the home-coming steamer.

Through the courtesy of *Association Men* we are able to publish a very good picture of Dr. Barrie.

### Evangelistic Movement.

The *Guardian* contains many reports of revivals in all parts of the Dominion.

From across the waters come the news of a great concerted effort, and of united prayer for the awakening. In the ten days between January 26th and February 6th the greatest scholars and preachers in England will concentrate their efforts for a spiritual awakening upon greater London, preaching in churches and halls, in theatres and on the

streets, while it is expected that the lord mayor will open the guildhall of London for the opening sermon by Dr. Parker. Then for ten days in February these same preachers and scholars, augmented by others, will hold similar meetings in all the other great English cities.

MR. D. W. POTTER of Chicago has been leading in a remarkable revival at Holyoke, Mass. Nearly two hundred determined to begin the service of Christ on one day, and the whole city is greatly stirred.

The corresponding secretary of the Twentieth Century Evangelistic Movement in the United States has caused to be published 10,000 copies of the "Life of William Carver." The book is sold at the low price of twenty-five cents.

REV. F. E. CLARE, D.D., a few weeks ago wrote a letter, entitled "The Call to Prayer for a Great Awakening." He reports that more responses have come to this letter than to any that he ever wrote. This of itself is a most hopeful sign of the times. It shows how the hearts of Christian people are centered upon one theme; how they are longing for the great awakening.

The *Watchman* remarks that "Personal religious conversation with one whom you are seeking to win to the Christian life is seldom easy. The man of keen sensibilities feels that he is in danger of oversteering the restraints that lie about every personality. It is like talking to another about his intimate personal affairs, uninvited; and yet it is right to press home upon the hearts and consciences of our friends and neighbors the claims of Christ. A man who lives in close fellowship with Christ finds that its suggestions are the best guide in this matter; and one of the most searching tests of one's own religious life is the ease and naturalness with which he can commend religion to others."

### Methodist Chat.

TWENTY-NINE Methodists have been elected to the new British Parliament in the place of twenty-four Methodist members in the old house.

THE increase in the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as reported at the spring Conferences for the past year, was 29,230. The increase in fifty of the last Conferences, as tabulated by the *Northwestern Christian Advocate*, is 24,470. Total increase, 44,700. There are thirty-eight Conferences yet to report.

THE *Pittsburg Advocate* says: "During the late parliamentary elections in England nineteen members were elected who are members of the Wesleyan church or connected with Wesleyan families, and four others who are closely connected with that church, or belong to other branches of the Methodist family."

BISHOP HENDRIX thus characterizes British Methodism: "After sharing their delightful hospitality, enjoying their Christian fellowship, addressing their congregations from the pulpit and platform, visiting their institutions, and studying their methods, I can but better understand their strength, influence, and usefulness as a living Church. They seem to have received a new commission for the new century."

THE present president of the Methodist New Connection, says the *London Methodist Times*, is a man of considerable diameter. While making pastoral visits in a poor quarter of Barrow he happened to get into the wrong house, where he found washing in full blast being carried on by two women. Some men were lounging about smoking their pipes. The president went into conversation and invited the men to go to chapel. They refused, taunting the minister with being an idle man, who lived otherwise than

by the sweat of his brow. At length the men made an offer; if the minister would do ten minutes' honest labor at the "dolly-tub" they would all go and hear him preach. He accepted the challenge, took off his coat, and worked for the specified time. Next Sunday the men were seated well in the front of the chapel; they came again, and in the end two were soundly converted.

QUEEN VICTORIA, in reply to the official address presented to her by the Irish Methodist Conference, said: "I thank you very heartily for the loyal and dutiful address which you presented to me during my stay in Ireland. The activity of your communion throughout my dominions, and the strenuous efforts of its members in the furtherance of religion, have gained my deep interest and respect, and I pray that God may ever guide and strengthen you in your labors."

### Literary Lines.

WHEN Mrs. Stowe visited the White House, Lincoln bent over her, saying, "And is this the little woman who made this big war?"

PROF. MAX MÜLLER, in an interview, said: "The old novels are very good. I am never tired of Sir Walter Scott, but modern fiction is mostly very poor stuff. The writers of the novels of to-day can't possibly work at them."

The home which is stocked with book shelves, and where the tables are well supplied with magazines and journals of merit, has a literary atmosphere which cannot fail to influence the inmates in the direction of literary culture and knowledge.

WHAT'S in a name? Sometimes very much. One man who took out a membership card in a public library warned the secretary against letting his daughter draw "any novels to read." He had not, however, the slightest objection to "good books of fiction."

KATE—"I wish, dear, you would go around to the book-store and get some of the newest novels.

MAUDE—"Why not wait until this afternoon! There will be some more out by that time."

GENERAL and Mrs. Lew Wallace have presented to the Wabash College library the original manuscript of "The Prince of India." There are over two thousand pages on 6 by 9 paper. The pages are in the fine handwriting of General Wallace, and show corrections and suggestions in the handwriting of Mrs. Wallace. "The Prince of India" was begun in 1886 on the Kankakee River and was finished in 1892.

A TORONTO elevator boy gave Mr. McDonald Oxley quite a unique compliment the other day. In some way the lad discovered Mr. Oxley's name and asked him if he was the man who wrote the books for boys. He seemed greatly delighted when an affirmative answer was given. Upon being asked if he had read many of the books, the boy replied, "No, not very many. Its hard to get 'em from the library, for the kids is all after 'em."

WHAT ten books would you choose as ideal companions, provided you expected to be cast ashore on a desert island for a year's sojourn, and were limited to a library of ten volumes?

This is the query in substance that *Moonshine*, an English periodical, addressed to its readers—a query that has been repeated with variations in several American journals. In England the books that received the largest number of votes were the Bible, Shakespeare's works, Dickens's "Peverell of the Pease," and "David Copperfield," Thackeray's "Vanity Fair," "Robinson Crusoe," Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," Lamb's Essays, Milton's Poems.