

Evangelists in Newfoundland.

A Review of Their Work.

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ARTICLE VII.

The next person who came to our city as an Evangelist was John Bennett Anderson, and, like Dr. Lucas, he came at his own choice. It is almost eighteen years since Mr. Anderson's visit, but not much is known of him, though he was a very able preacher and also a splendid singer. He had in him the combined gifts of both Crossley and Hunter, and he used his gifts with great effect in his evangelistic work.

John Bennett Anderson was an Englishman by birth, and was the son of a clergyman who for awhile laboured in Ireland. He did not enter the work of the ministry in regular order, but he grew up into a sort of city missionary work, and was prominent in the Order of Good Templars, when that Order was universally strong. As a speaker, he was in great demand, and he came to be recognized as a leader of men. His best work was done at Byron Hall, Liverpool, England, and with others of his class he did faithful work at that mission. His work at Byron Hall brought him into touch with shipping and sea-faring men from all parts of the world, and the result of it all was that he was appointed to the position of Chaplain of the Seamen's Institute at Australia.

For several years he laboured there with much acceptance and goodwill, and he had a salary with which he was quite satisfied; in fact, he was so conscientious that he considered the salary too satisfactory, and in the end he resigned his office on that account. He didn't foresee what his resignation would mean for himself, for if he did he would probably have stuck to his guns and accepted the salary. Having a decent salary would not have lessened his influence for good, but rather should it have helped him and given him independence of thought and action. He could have taken his salary and devoted it to lots of benevolent purposes, and continued a Chaplain to the sailors all the same. But he resigned and paid the price, and found himself without either friends or funds, in a strange land.

On leaving Australia he returned to England, and then went out to California to do the regular work of an Evangelist. At California he was quite popular, and his mission gave promise of satisfaction and success,

but as is often the case, the unexpected happened, and defeat and desertion stared him in the face—and this is how it came about. The South African war broke out at that date, and there was a strong sympathy for the Boers among a lot of American people. The Evangelist was British through and through, and he was not afraid to express his sentiments; and he dared to differ with his American brethren. Like every war, there were two sides to the South African war, and as a little debate on either side easily divided friends upon such questions, it was an easy matter for the Evangelist to find himself boycotted, and his mission defeated.

It was indeed a pity that such a breach occurred, but when once it had taken place there was neither time nor desire to heal it. Thus the good man found himself in a very unexpected, and in a very undesirable situation. He therefore had no alternative other than that of coming east; and he at once left California en route to England. Whatever turn things took in the journey I never really found out, but it so happened that he landed in St. John's for the purpose of taking one of the Allan boats for the Old Country. At St. John's he found friends in the person of the late Rev. J. L. Dawson, and our own loved and venerated Rev. Dr. Cowperthwaite, and it was owing to the brotherly help and Christian sympathy of these good men that John Bennett Anderson stayed for three weeks in our midst, and held a short series of Evangelistic meetings. By special request he also visited Harbour Grace, and gave good service there.

The visit of this good man will thus be seen to have been a mere incident. The Rev. J. L. Dawson happened to hear of his presence among the passengers of our cross-country train which had just begun to operate, and he having before met Mr. Anderson, and knowing his great ability as a speaker, decided to invite him to preach on a Sunday morning in George Street Church. To have once heard John Bennett Anderson was to see his power, and to perceive that whoever may have missed their calling in the matter of preaching the Gospel, he had not. At once invitations came fast and warm to the good

man, and for two weeks he had a busy time of it. It was in the Christmas season that he dropped along here, and he preached the Watch Night sermon at Gower Street Church for the Pastor, Rev. Dr. Cowperthwaite, and the report of it being rather on the long side, the Herald rather than mutilate it, published it in leaflet form. The subject was Destiny, and when such a subject is dealt with by a preacher of the soul, and passion of an Anderson, there must indeed be profound thought as well as strong convictions.

For nearly a week Mr. Anderson conducted Gospel services at Gower Street Church, but there was not any report of his work. When the dispute arose with Mr. Hunter about offering the reporters ten dollars each for their five weeks' work, I advised him not to leave St. John's without properly settling the matter. In his reply to me he said that he could have got fifty people to do the work. Personally I really did not think he could. However, when John Bennett Anderson had come to the last service of the first week, and not one of the supposed fifty of whom Mr. Hunter spoke, had published a word, I decided that Mr. Anderson was well worth being reported, and I stood by him for the remainder of his meetings.

The help which was afforded Mr. Anderson by the Quarterly Board of Gower Street Church, in allowing him the use of the edifice free of all costs was a generous act, and it put the good Evangelist in an independent position for his journey across the ocean. In good time he arrived in safety, and after a year or two he was re-appointed to his Australian Chaplaincy and soon left England for the scene of his labours.

John Bennett Anderson was a great man, and his entire work was an evidence of his ability. He found in preaching that which nature had fitted him for; and his humility was proof that grace had sanctified his talents. He was worth all that was done for him.

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The Boundary Question.

Quebec Government May Order Exploration.

Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir,—The following is from a late Canadian paper:
Wants Ungava Territory Explored.
(Special to the Star from a Staff Correspondent.)

Quebec, Feb. 11.—An exploration of the 350,000 square miles of territory which was added to the province of Quebec in 1912 by the inclusion of Ungava, is to be strongly urged on the Provincial Government this week by A. M. Tessier, the member for Rimouski, in a motion that he will present to the House, asking for an appropriation of several thousand dollars.

Mr. Tessier has received reports from people who have visited the region that there are wonderful prospects of development in the new country, and he is anxious that a commission of geologists, mineral experts and other scientists should be sent to Ungava to look the country over, especially to see if there is coal there in big quantities. The possibilities of waterpower development on the Hamilton River are said to be particularly promising, there being no limit to the estimate of power that can be secured from this river, which enters the ocean at a point near the junction of Labrador and Ungava.

It would be interesting to know what steps Newfoundland is taking to prevent this valuable territory falling into the hands of those who have no title to it and to preserve the rights of this Colony.

Yours truly,
W. R. WARREN.

Feb. 25, 1919.

Mohawk Minstrels.

The performance given by the Mohawk Minstrels in the Casino Theatre last night was largely attended and proved a real success. The programme was as follows: Opening chorus, "Swanee River"; "Beautiful Bells"; F. Power; "In This Good Old Town"; C. Wiseman; "Abram Lincoln Jones"; W. Byer; "Two Drummers"; R. Wicks; "Beans, Beans, Beans"; John Burke; "Enoch Brown"; L. Morrissey; "My Pal Jack"; R. Wicks; "Merry Automobile"; T. Power; "Sunshine of My Smile"; W. Byer; "I'm on the Water Wagon"; John Burke; horn pipe, L. Morrissey; trio, Messrs. Byer, Wicks, Blake; comedy sketch, "Dr. Dodd"; Mr. Gus Hodder was accompanist. To-night there will be a reproduction, when a purse of \$100, donated by the performers, will be presented to Serg. Ricketts, V. C., by Capt. L. C. Murphy.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DISTEMPER.

Welsh Miners Favor Strike.

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SOME PEACE PROBLEMS.

PARIS, Feb. 26.
(By the A.P.)—The Council of the Great Powers continued the discussions to-day of Poland, and authorized Marshal Foch to send a series of inquiries to the inter-allied commission now in Warsaw. Until a reply is received the question of getting the Polish divisions into Poland by way of Danzig will be deferred. The council also began a hearing on Morocco in which France seeks to terminate the present unsatisfactory international supervision. Arthur J. Balfour for Great Britain, and Henry White for the United States spoke in favor of the "open door" in any readjustment, so that all countries would enjoy equal trade facilities. The British Prime Minister, David Lloyd George, will return to Paris Saturday and remain for three days. Russia will be among the subjects considered during his stay.

THE IRISH REPRESENTATIVE.

PARIS, Feb. 25.
(By the A.P.)—Zan O'Connell, whose name in plain English is J. T. O'Kelly, who is seeking recognition by the Peace Conference as the envoy of the Irish Government, arrived quietly in Paris more than two weeks ago, having, according to his own statement, secured a British passport by a subterfuge. Ostensibly he crossed the Channel as a representative of the Corporation of Dublin to present the freedom of the city of Dublin on President Wilson and to press an invitation upon the President to visit Ireland. Tucked away in his baggage, however, O'Connell carried credentials as the delegate to the Provisional Irish Government. To-day O'Connell said thus far he had received no reply to letters and telegrams sent to President Wilson asking the President to set a date for the reception of him to the committee to present to him the freedom of the city of Dublin. Since his arrival here O'Connell also wrote to President Wilson asking that he be received as the delegate of the Irish republic. The letter from O'Connell asking that a date be set by the Peace Conference to hear the claims of the Provisional Government of Ireland was received by the British peace delegates, who wrote an acknowledgment. The impression prevails here that the letter had not been received by them. No meeting of the Credentials Committee of the Peace Conference has been held as yet, nor is there any immediate prospect of a meeting.

ANOTHER REVOLT IN MANNHEIM.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 26.
A fresh revolt broke out at Mannheim to-day. Spartan forces occupied the post office, the telegraph office and the railway station, and communication with the city is interrupted.

PLAN TO OVERTHROW SAXON GOVERNMENT.

BERLIN, Feb. 26.
Spartan and Radical Socialists have launched a movement to overthrow the existing Government in Saxony where the newly-elected Diet was to assemble to-day. A general strike has been proclaimed and railway communication with Halle, one of the principal junction points in

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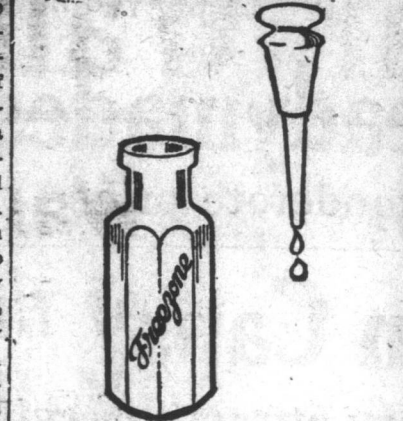
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SAXONY HAS BEEN BROKEN.

The Spartans are reported to have taken possession of Plauen and other industrial centres.

GREEKS PURSUING BOLSHEVICKS.

ATHENS, Feb. 26.
Greek troops operating with detachments of French and Roumanians have advanced north of Odessa, pursuing Bolshevik forces along the Dniester River. After a short fight they have occupied the fort and town of Tiraspol on the right bank of the Dniester, fifty-three miles from Odessa, according to a Salonika despatch.

CZECH TROOPS WITHDRAWING.

WARSAW, Feb. 26.
(By the A.P.)—Under the auspices of the inter-allied mission to Poland the Czech troops began to-day evacuating the Teschen mining districts which are in dispute between Poland and Czechoslovakia, the Czechs withdrawing to the line fixed by the Paris agreement of Feb. 3.

THEIR CHOICE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.
Secretary of the Navy Daniels, speaking last night in the National Press Club, declared that the American people to-day were face to face with making the choice either of a league of nations to safeguard the peace won by valor or of entering upon a career of such naval and military expansion as would enable us single-handed to guarantee American interests from Halifax to Tierra Del Fuego.

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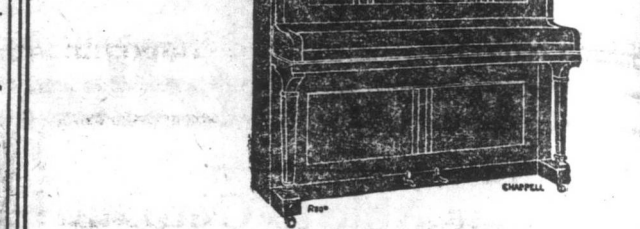
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