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## REV. HUGH DOBSON DELIVERS VERY INTERESTING LECTURE

THE CHILD DEATH RATE ALL OVER CANADA IS VERY HIGH,  
DUE TO CONDITIONS THAT COULD BE REMEDIED IF  
MORE CARE WAS TAKEN, SAYS MR. DOBSON.

Rev. Hugh Dobson, Western Field Secretary of the Methodist Church gave a most interesting and masterly address in Wesley Methodist church on Tuesday evening last. The address was listened to by a goodly number of people of people who were much enthused with the splendid exposition and visions of the field of work taken up by this important branch of the Church's work.

Mr. Dobson began by quoting the statement from the Gospel by Mark, that Jesus ordained twelve that they should be with Him and that He might send them forth to preach and He gave them power to heal sicknesses and to cast out devils. This verse gave an outline of the work of the Church. Fellowship, Evangelism and Social Service constituted the mission.

Though all can more or less have fellowship with Christ by meditating upon the teaching, thoughts, and life of Jesus, yet the ministry was specially set apart as leaders in the work of Evangelism and Social Service. They were specially ordained to preach the Gospel. The Gospel was the good news of a new and needed change that was near at hand. The human voice in preaching is as powerful to-day as ever in convincing people that a better condition of affairs is immediately possible. Too many have given up in despair in the struggle for individual or social betterment or development. We must have men whose voice will have great influence in putting heart into the people to enter into the work of reform with hope and enthusiasm. This work of evangelism, which is the first work of the preacher and the church is not separated from the practical fulfilment of this promised development, which is the Social Service enterprise of war against social wrongs and the destruction of the enemies of the welfare of the individual. Social service has to do with healing sickness and casting out devils, which is the Oriental way of describing the work of getting rid of the foes of human life and progress.

The word salvation as used by Jesus meant health. He came that men might have the fullest and completest life possible. He came to seek that which was lost, meaning that which was wasted. Health in this sense is not merely of soul or body, but of both. Salvation means the complete well being of the Entire Being. Formerly the medical profession confined their whole attention to the curing of diseases, but in these days their supreme task is becoming more and more the prevention of disease by promoting such conditions of living as will ensure health and growth. Continually medical men are being thrown into closer association with the Christian church in promoting physical health as a basis for mental and spiritual health and growth. The church as never before is looking into

the matter of making war against social wrongs.

In an effort to secure health for the individual we must start with the child life. The statistics of child mortality is appalling, and in Canada we are by no means the least offenders. There are three great causes of the large death rate of infants. First, ignorance of how to care for children; second, improper and impure food; third, hereditary disability. Our system of education should be so changed as to give girls a thorough training in caring for babies, even if it be as a result of the dropping of the study of subjects of much less value in political life. The experiment on the baby by an entirely untrained young couple often resulting in death of the child is a terrible loss to society and a sin before God. A thorough inspection of milk farms and milk depots, etc., should be systematically and thoroughly carried on.

The use of alcoholic drinks should be prohibited on the part of the parents, because scientific tests show a very high percentage of the death of babies is due to the weakening effects upon children through the use of alcoholic drinks by the parents. Better care of growing children is required. The greatest enemy of the child at any age is strong drink. Seventy-five per cent. of the children coming to the Chicago Children's Protective Society last year were children of drinking parents, and the same percentage would hold equally true of alcoholism when considering all the enemies of the growing child. It has been found in countries where women suffrage has been gained that conditions for women and children have noticeably improved, resulting in the lessening of the child death rate.

Alcoholic drinks by all tests shown always lessen the power of endurance and efficiency. Their use diminishes power to resist disease and tends always to lower vitality. The grain destroyed in the manufacture of liquor excludes its use for food, thus adding to its destructive powers.

An edict issued at the beginning of the present war by Russia prohibiting the use of any alcoholic beverage corresponding to our whiskey, has proved so satisfactory to the Russian people generally as to warrant the second edict issued the other day that the use of such beverage is prohibited for all time to come. The discovery of this great blessing to Russia it is felt will atone to some extent for the sacrifice of so many lives in the war. This present war seems to be in a great measure a war on alcoholic drink as a great enemy to the success of any nation.

Mr. Dobson had some excellent charts by which to illustrate his remarks. He made many references to existing conditions in British Columbia that in many particulars were distressing. Much progress is being

made along many lines yet there is much reform to be sought. The people themselves are ultimately responsible in this matter and must demand the necessary legislation and enforcement of law. Something must be done first to convince men and women of the reality and seriousness of the facts of the case, and a campaign carried on to arouse and unite the whole province in the matter.

At the conclusion of the address a substantial offering was made to help meet the financial demands of the department, and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Dobson for his illuminating and forceful lecture. A resolution was also passed to send a request to the Provincial Government to have all bar rooms in the Province closed at six o'clock, instead of ten, until the end of the war. From all accounts it appears that the amount of liquor being sold in these hard times is equal to and even in excess of the sales in the past prosperous times. It is felt something should be done to prevent the usual evil consequences this is bound to bring. The resolution also urged the government to give municipalities the right of local veto of the sale of intoxicating liquors within their limits.

## STOOD BY HIS COMRADE WHEN WARDEN APPEARED

We heard a good story the other day about two Sidney sports that is well worth repeating. They went for a day's shooting on one of the islands to the north. One of the gentlemen had a license and the other had not owing to his not being able to procure one in town before he left. However they set out and during the course of their rambles they suddenly came face to face with a real live game warden—and they had "the goods" upon them, too. Suddenly one of the pair took to his heels and ran like a deer down the sloping side of the hill, and after him came the game warden. Over rocks and boulders, through brush and scrub and pools of water ran the pursued and pursuer until fully half a mile had been traversed, when the warden at last succeeded in cornering the man with the gun. He immediately demanded to see the license—and he nearly took a fit when the man coolly pulled it out and handed it to him.

"What in the Sam Hill did you run away for when you had this upon you?" demanded the man of the law, demanding the man of the law.

"Well, you see," said the sport, "the other fellow didn't have any."

## A FORLORN HOPE.

Frank Morley tells this one: It was a recruit's first appearance at the rifle range. The range officer tried him first at five hundred yards, and the recruit could not come within a mile at three hundred yards. His last was even worse than his first. The officer looked at him with disgust and losing his temper, shouted the command in his face.

"Attention! Fix bayonets! charge the target! It's your only chance!"

Even the entry of the Turk as a German ally does not appear to have alienated the sympathies of the American people from the allies.

## MISS EVA HART WILL SING AT CONCERT IN AID OF I. O. D. E.

MADAME GERTRUDE HUNTLEY GREEN, THE GREAT VIOLINIST,  
AND OTHER TALENTED SINGERS FROM THE CITY OF  
VICTORIA WILL TAKE PART IN THE PROGRAM.

A grand patriotic concert will be given in Berquist's hall on Wednesday, November 25th, at 8.30 p.m. The concert will be in aid of the funds of the Allies Chapter, North Saanich, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire.

The musical arrangements are in the hands of Miss Eva Hart and there is no doubt that the concert is going to be one of supreme merit. Madame Gertrude Huntley Green who is undoubtedly the finest violinist in Canada will give two selections. Mr. Harry Davis, baritone, who made such a sensation by his rendition of the famous marching song, "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," at the recent patriotic concert at the Royal Victoria Theatre, will appear and give this and many other patriotic numbers, including "The Flag That Never

Comes Down."

Mr. Robert MacKenzie, tenor, also of Victoria, will sing "The Sons of the Motherland," and other selections. Miss Lowndes, well known in England as a reciter, will give patriotic selections, and Miss Eva Hart, who needs no introduction to a Sidney audience, will sing the famous recruiting song, "Your King and Country Need You." This is being sung nightly in London by scores of vocalists. Miss Hart will also sing "Brave Women Who Wait," and "The Minstrel Boy," and others. From this it will be seen that no one can afford to miss this musical treat. Colonel Layard will open the concert with a few words.

Reserved seat tickets are now on sale at 50 cents and general admission tickets at 25 cents.

## THE GERMANS FEAR THE INDIAN FIGHTERS

Copenhagen, Nov. 7.—According to news from Berlin of Thursdays date, the reported defeat of the Germans in Belgium by Indian troops has created a disheartening impression in Germany. The Germans say the Indians are personally much stronger and more nimble than the German soldiers, and it is, therefore, impossible for the latter to vanquish them in hand-to-hand fighting unless they are much more numerous.

It is reported that the British reserve the Indians until the moment arrives for a hand-to-hand combat.

Germany hoped the insurrection in the transvaal would take place in August, in accordance with secret agreements with Generals De Wet and Beyers so that the Indian troops would be sent to Cape Town instead of Europe.

## LUMBER TO AUSTRALIA.

Hon. Dr. Young, Provincial Secretary, on Monday received a letter from Mr. D. H. Ross, Canadian Trade Commissioner at Melbourne, explanatory of the situation in Australia relative to the market for British Columbia lumber. Mr. Ross says that shortly after the outbreak of the war it was deemed advisable to postpone until further notice, the project for the erection of public buildings at Canberra, the capital of the Commonwealth, and that it had never been contemplated that in importing lumber for such buildings there would be any discrimination against Canada. In this and all other matters affecting importations from Canada, every effort is being exerted by the trade commissioner to ensure that justice is done the exporters from this country.



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