

tions," to come out and be separate from those who preach and practice otherwise? And is it not the bounden duty of the Upper Canada Tract Society, believing, as I assume she does when she circulates this tract that it fulfils the first of her own "essential principles"—that is, "to contain pure truth, flowing from the fountain of the New Testament," to drop the name of undenominational, and adopt that which would tell all men her true character and creed, "The Baptist Tract Society?"

#### ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE ANNUAL GAMES.

The annual games of St. Andrew's College, Toronto, were held on the college campus on the afternoon of Friday, May 27. Owing to the recent death of King Edward, the sports were of a private nature. No invitations were issued and the usual festive entertainments were dispensed with. Naturally this affected the crowd, which was composed mainly of pupils and old boys. The day was ideal for racing, but only one record was broken. In the high jump, Ristein, of Vancouver, cleaned 5ft. 6in., a truly splendid performance. The former record was 5ft. 2 1/2in. At the end of the day, with two more races, the 1-2 mile and 440 yards, to be held, Ristein had 26 points and McGillivray 16. The sports were spread over several days. The following are the results:

Saturday, May 25st.—(1.) One mile: 1. Matheson; 2. McGillivray; 3. Wallace; time, 5:12 2/3. Wednesday, May 25th.—(2.) Throwing cricket ball (Sen.): 1. Ristein; 2. Nicol; 3. Frith; distance, 294ft. 8 in. (3.) Throwing cricket ball (Jr.): 1. Coatsworth; 2. Harrison; distance, 232ft. 7in. (4.) Running high jump (Jr.): 1. Auld; 2. Carlyle; 3. Campbell; 11; height, 4ft. 4 1/2in. (5.) Standing broad jump (Sr.): 1. Ristein; 2. Nicol; 3. McGillivray; distance, 9ft. (6.) Standing broad jump (Jr.): 1. Auld; 2. Yule; 3. Bradley; distance, 7ft. 5in. (7.) Running broad jump (Sr.): 1. Ristein; 2. Nicol; 3. Haste; distance, 18ft. 2in. (8.) Running broad jump (Jr.): 1. Bradley; 2. Coatsworth; 3. Auld; distance, 14ft. 5in. (9.) Putting the shot: 1. Nicol; 2. Foster; 3. Leishman; 1; distance, 25ft. 9in. Friday, May 27th.—(10.) 50 yds. dash (Prep.): 1. Bradley; 2. Brown, 11; 3. Scott, 11; time, 6 1/5. (11.) 100 yds. dash (Sr.): 1. McGillivray; 2. Ristein; 3. Haste; time, 19 4/5. (12.) 100 yds. dash (under 13): 1. Johnson, 11; 2. Taylor, 11; 3. Carr, (13.) Three-legged race: 1. Taylor and Van derlinde; 2. Gooderham and Nicol; 3. Skidmore and Firstbrook. (14.) 220 yds. dash (Sr.): 1. McGillivray; 2. Ristein; 3. Haste; time, 25 2/5. (15.) Lower school race (handicap): 1. Whitney; 2. Rolph, 11; 3. Bateman, 1; time, 10 (16.) 100 yds. dash (Jr.): 1. Coatsworth; 2. Yule; 3. Auld; time, 12. (17.) Hurdle race (Sr.): 1. Ristein; 2. Nicol; 3. McGillivray; time, 19 2/5. (18.) 220 yds. dash (Jr.): 1. Coatsworth; 2. Auld; 3. Bradley; time, 30 3/4. (19.) Sackrace: 1. Lowndes; 1; 2. McIntosh; 3. Scott, 11. (20.) Obstacle race: 1. Rolph, 11; 2. McKee, 11; 3. McMichael; time, 2:03. (21.) Running high jump (Sr.): 1. Ristein; 2. McGregor; 3. McGillivray; height, 5ft. 6in. (22.) Hurdle race (Jr.): 1. Auld; 2. Booth; 3. Goullock; time, 19. (23.) Old boys' race (Jr.): emfwy Hamilton; 2. Ellis; 3. B. van; time 3-5. (24.) Consolation race (Jr.): 1. McLenan; 2. Munn; 3. Brown, 11. (25.) 220 yds. under 17: 1. Wilson, 11; 2. Large; 3. Firstbrook; time, 27 1/2. (26.) Consolation race (Sr.): 1. Crawford; 2. Skidmore; 3. Spohn.

Mrs. (Rev.) McKee, of Barrie, has been re-elected president of the County Simcoe W. C. T. U., giving her the unique record of twenty continuous years in that honorable position. It goes without saying that she worthily discharges all the duties of the office. Mrs. McKee will attend the coming World's W. C. T. U. convention at Glasgow, Scotland; and in appreciation of her services the county unions presented her with a purse.

## Thirty-sixth General Assembly

St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, N.S.,  
Rev. John Forrest, D.D., D.C.L., Moderator.

There was a large attendance of commissioners and friends when the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Samuel Lyle, ascended the pulpit of St. Matthew's Church on Wednesday evening. Public worship was followed by the Moderator's address on "Factors in Empire Building," of which the following is a brief outline:—

In empire building and in the evolution of the race there are three factors—inheritance, surroundings and use. The first supplies the capital needed to do the business of life; the second gives the chance to invest; and the third is the actual investing. God and man are the chief, though not the only, agents at work in the first two; the person is the sole agent in the third.

Transmitted tendencies have a powerful influence on man. They grip and mould him in a thousand ways. Blood tells. In order rightly to understand what we are, as Canadians and as Christians, we must look to the rock from which we have been hewn, the pit from which we have been dug. Nationally our backbone is Anglo-Celtic. The Celtic branch of the Aryan tree was in days gone by almost prehistoric, planted on British soil. With awful daring, the Celt left his home in the East, plunged into the unknown, fought his way to the western coasts of Europe, where the storm-lashed sea said to him, "hitherto, but no further." This soldier of fortune, this born fighter, has shaken every throne of Europe, and has founded no throne.

What the Celt lacked in stability, in moral fibre, the Anglo-Saxon supplied. If the Celt supplied the mould and the fire, the Anglo-Saxon contributed the gold, the silver and the iron.

Nor must we overlook the part played by the fusion of the races. Pure blood is far from the best. The peoples that have taken a first place in history have had the blood of many races in their veins. Britain is no more cosmopolitan in her spirit than she is in her race, and has as many origins as she has political creeds and practices. She has grown to her present gigantic proportions because she has absorbed all peoples—peoples of all strains of blood and of all strands of muscle. Fed by many sources, her greatness and glory are seen in all lands. All nations have aided us—have given us their life blood that we might be the heirs of all the ages, and stand in the foremost files of time.

Some tell us that our social surroundings are poisoned and altogether bad—not fit to breathe. But like all rhetorical exaggerations, this is not true. Man's upward march, in spite of a thousand foes, is full of meaning, and preaches a gospel of hope as Christ did. The great social world is crammed with good—is getting better. Wars are no longer the sport of kings; woman has her place of honor in the social circle; the child's rights are recognized both by law and love; God has not been idle in the social world as Carlyle supposed Him to be; He is changing the old customs, and bringing in new and better ones.

But what of politics? Is the State not rotten? Is it not God-abandoned? To all such questions I am forced by the logic of facts to answer, "No." As conceived by God as brought into existence through God implanted instincts, the State is as divine as the Church. God works with the best instruments to hand, and makes the most of important men. God is in the midst of British political life, of Canadian political life, as much as He was in the theocracy of the Jews in its best moments.

Let us frankly admit that there is much every day in our political life

to deplore, much even to cause anxiety, if not alarm. But let us not be blind to the fact that good men and true are serving the State in all departments of her legislative and administrative life.

The further factor must not be overlooked, the organic. Most branches of the Protestant Church to-day are not rendering the service God requires because of disorganized conditions. In the Old Testament and in the New, the Church is always represented as an organism, as formed of different parts that are vitally related and working for the good of the whole, and of all the parts separately. This organic view of the Church has been obscured by our unfortunate divisions. There is, as a result, no earnest, well-sustained effort up to the measure of ability and duty, no deep desire to work together for good. Each man thinks he has a right to do as he pleases; to work or not to work as he chooses; to give or not to give as he likes, and in proportions such as may, to him, seem just and fitting. The church, as an organism, demands work from each member as much work as that member can do for the good of all the members individually and collectively. A divided congregation, a divided denomination, a divided Church, is not an ideal with which we ought to be satisfied. Let us close our ranks, cease firing into our friends, and with steady aim turn our guns on the foe.

Our nature, so rich in resources, the honor of our Master, so glorious and so full of grace, the good of our country at once great and rich in all the essentials of empire, our race held in chains, but longing for the freedom of Christ, unite to call us to work with both hands, to fight with all our might, to dare and do great things for the Lord of love for the redemption of men.

The Court now proceeded to the election of Moderator.

Rev. Dr. John Forrest was nominated by Principal Patrick, and supported by His Honor Lt.-Governor Fraser.

Rev. Dr. R. P. Mackay was nominated by Prof. Ballantyne and seconded by Dr. Turnbull, of Toronto. Dr. Mackay asked that his name be withdrawn. This being done, President Forrest became the unanimous choice of the Assembly, and he was accordingly conducted to the chair by his mover and second.

#### SECOND DAY.

At the conclusion of the devotional services this morning the clerk read a communication from Rev. Dr. Duval, Winnipeg, in which the latter gave an account of his trip to Geneva to attend the services held in commemoration of the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of Calvin and where Dr. Duval spoke for the Canadian Presbyterian church.

The clerk announced that the proposal to unite the two committees in charge of the work among young people and that in the Sunday schools had not received the support of a majority of Presbyteries. Nineteen Presbyteries favor the proposed amalgamation and nine were opposed. A large number of Presbyteries took no action and thus defeated the proposal. The matter will be sent down to the Presbyteries again this year.

#### Missions Failed to Report.

In presenting the report of the committee on statistics Dr. Somerville, one of the clerks of the assembly, complained that hundreds of mission stations in western Canada which were receiving large aid from the home mission fund made no report to the assembly and this body had no information regarding the number of families in these stations. He stated that there was a danger of a large

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