

## Soudan Interior Mission Movement

It is not quite six months since the Soudan Interior Mission became a matter of special interest and a subject for definite prayer by an organized company of Christians in this city, and already four live prayer circles have been established and more are under consideration. This mission is founded largely upon the same basis as the China Inland Mission. There is no such thing as soliciting money, it being supported by freewill offerings.

Rev. R. V. Bingham, of Toronto, general secretary for Canada, came to this city last July and delivered several addresses in a number of the churches here, after which was decided at a meeting of the most interested ones gathered at the residence of Mr. T. B. Escott to establish prayer circles throughout the city.

The circles, now four in number, are meeting regularly, and will be advertised each week in the church notices. Mr. Bingham, who will again be in the city on Sunday, Dec. 1, will be present at the circle meeting to be held Tuesday evening, Dec. 3, at Mr. Escott's residence, 566 Dundas street.

It is interesting to know that Mr. Bingham was one of the three Canadian young men to go out as the pioneer missionaries to this dark region, and after suffering very severe hardships for a number of years returned to Canada. His two companions succumbed to the disease contracted in that malarial climate, and their bodies buried in that dark land, as good seed planted that will eventually bring forth much fruit unto life eternal.

Rev. Mr. Bingham is now located in Toronto as general secretary for Canada of Soudan Interior Mission and is doing noble self-sacrificing work for the mission he so much loves.

It is always a benediction to hear him speak, and those who have been cordially urged to be present at Mr. Escott's home next Tuesday evening. It may be added that the territory in the Soudan which this mission is endeavoring to cover is now governed by Hon. Mr. Girouard, a Canadian, formerly a member of the House of Commons, Ottawa.

which the latter swore that he and O'Gorman never had anything to do with London election matters.

"Even if I did believe Pritchett's evidence, which I doubt, the last part of his evidence negatives all conspiracies, and the crown's case falls through."

"In addition to all this, we have ample evidence that Pritchett is a perjurer. These men were implicated by Pritchett, and deny absolutely that they have ever had anything to do with him."

"The only man to support Pritchett was Farr. The latter is contradicted emphatically by Mr. Thomas Reid, Mr. McKie and Mr. J. Vance, and I have no hesitation in saying that Farr, in the box the other day, committed wilful and deliberate perjury. Even if we could get hold of refuted Pritchett's evidence."

"Not a title of evidence has there been adduced to show Mr. Reid had anything to do with a conspiracy. What had Mulloy to do with it, other than to be connected with Collins in some bribery operations? There is no evidence that Mulloy had anything to do with election matters. Not a bit of evidence was produced to show that O'Gorman was in any of the ridings alleged to have been operated in by the conspirators."

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"Let us come to Collins. The only evidence that he gave concerning a conspiracy was that meeting alleged to have been held in the Liberal Club Saturday night, when Sifton, Collins, Mulloy and others discussed a plan to fold the Liberal Club, a crown witness, denies that. Which is to be believed? The onus of the proof of these charges must be on the crown."

"Now there is the matter of instructing deputies. Jerry Collins swore that he had nothing to do with it, other than to fold ballots improperly. I called all the deputies, and they swore that was not the case. Two or three were not present, but these were accounted for. Are not these men to be believed? There is no evidence that they were in connection with the Sifton affair. Was the action of Mr. Reid that of a guilty man. He refused to be held up. In the presence of Sifton's father-in-law and Mr. Thomas Reid, he repudiated such an agreement. He told them to do their worst. Mr. Reid is only connected with Sifton, and even Mr. Sifton admitted that it might be for legitimate purposes. Mr. Reid had nothing to do with the opening of the ballot box at all."

"Regarding Mr. Sifton's leaving the country, he swore that money had nothing to do with his departure. Mr. Sifton thought it unfair that he should be dragged down to Toronto, where it would be impossible for him to get his trial. That explanation is satisfactory. I do not blame him. I have no hesitation in saying that there never was in the history of criminal jurisprudence in Ontario so arbitrary and high-handed proceedings as that complained of by Mr. Sifton, and he was justified in leaving the country."

Mr. Johnston then showed the character of the evidence adduced by the crown. North Waterloo, for example, Wiley and Mulloy were supposed to be shown. Still, not an overt act was shown. Not a single overt act was shown. The opportunity for crime certainly does not prove crime, he said.

"Collins swore that he did not take the oath, when both Mr. Buchner and Mr. Corcoran swore that he did. Another person added to the list in an attempt to convict the defendants."

"Let us follow Pritchett. He swore that West Elgin was the last riding in which he worked. As a matter of fact, both Brockville and West Huron were subsequent to West Elgin. If he left the country for any other reason, he would remember the last place he was last in. If St. Thomas was the last place he visited, he certainly would have remembered."

Mr. Johnston made a masterly closing, and asked his honor to acquit the prisoners on the evidence adduced.

Crown Sums Up.

Mr. G. Lynch-Staunton, K. C., began his summing up for the crown at 8:30 p.m. He reiterated his former arguments in regard to jurisdiction, and declared that his honor had provincial jurisdiction in this case.

Pritchett, he said, was a reputable citizen in London, and was a member of O'Gorman, and then began his criminal career. That he began his work and carried it out is ample proof of such an arrangement. He went to Brockville, and did his work as shown by such witnesses as himself, Cowan, Robertson and Lyman. Lewis and Pritchett went about together from London for several constituencies. Why did not the defense call Tom Lewis and let him deny Pritchett's story? There must be evidence that Pritchett's story is true. Vance and Harriet could not, and did not, deny that Pritchett was in Bancroft, in North Hastings.

"After West Elgin, Pritchett left the country. Who sent him? O'Gorman. It was O'Gorman who paid him to get out. Then Pritchett went into West Huron. He acted as scrutineer in an polling sub-division. That was amply proved by several witnesses. Vance was in charge of these contests, and

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