

CANADA'S MISSIONARY CONGRESS.

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The Rev. Dr. C. W. Gordon, of Winnipeg, spoke on "Our Debt to the English-speaking and European Settlers." He pleaded for a broader and intenser sympathy and a more earnest effort to win the confidence of the incoming peoples on the part of the church by a loving interest and helpfulness. He commended the immigrant chaplain, and urged that the Christian minister should be the last man to shake hands with the outgoing emigrant and the first to welcome him as he stepped on the soil of his new home.

The Asiatic in Canada.

The Rev. Dr. Alexander Sutherland, "the Dean of Missionary Secretaries," as the chairman, Mr. Rowell, called him, was the next speaker on the subject of "Our Duty to the Asiatics in Canada." His strong point was that we owe the Asiatics the Gospel above all things. But far above all other duties stands the duty of making known to these Oriental strangers the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the universal Saviour of all races of men. God is no respecter of persons, and neither should we be. The salvation of the Gospel, which was first proclaimed to Eastern peoples, is intended for the Asiatic as much as for the European, and its fruits are as manifest in the one case as they are in the other. Chinese and Japanese Christians, making some allowance for the short time they have known the truth, are not one whit behind their fellow Christians of the white races in sincerity, in devotion, in fidelity, or whatever else makes up the Christian character. The evangelization of the Asiatics now in the Dominion will solve the problem that confronts us as nothing else can; and honest effort in that direction, accompanied with fair treatment all round, will, if it accomplish nothing else, at least convince the Asiatics beyond the seas that Christian civilization is not a misnomer nor Christian faith a sham.

The last address of the evening was delivered by the Rev. J. A. Macdonald, editor of The Globe, Toronto. It is impossible to give any idea of this address delivered with great forcefulness and Celtic fire.

Knowing and Doing.

"Knowledge of Missions an Inspiration to Obedience" was the theme on Friday evening. The Hon. Joshua Levering, of Baltimore, was the first speaker. As one of the band of sixty commissioners who had visited mission fields, under the Laymen's Movement, Mr. Levering took occasion in the first place to testify to the fidelity, zeal and consecration of the missionary body as a whole representing the Christian denominations in these different lands. Secondly, he said that we could not emphasize too strongly the great need for reinforcement and for the means to furnish the necessary equipment for the proper conduct and enlargement of the missionary operations. Thirdly, we should emphasize the glorious opportunity in all those lands existing today. Such an opportunity has never before been known since Christ gave the great commission. Nor, in view of the radically and rapidly changing conditions taking place in those fields, is it likely to last long. It is, therefore, imperative that the work should be vastly enlarged and that the funds necessary to accomplish the great purposes should be at once available.

Sir Andrew Fraser.

Sir Andrew Fraser made the concluding address. He was received with the greatest of enthusiasm and heard with rapt attention.

It was, Sir Andrew said, the greatest disappointment for men who never saw or tested missionary work, and who never had any experience in it, to give opinions on the result of such work. When

people came saying mission work was a failure, he would like to ask them if they had ever seen a missionary at work, had they ever been in the hospitals where they were at work, had they ever seen the missionaries teaching the children, helping the poor, the sick, the sorrowing, had they ever known a native missionary, had they ever heard a missionary preach? Unless a man could answer these, and many other questions, in the affirmative, he could give no information on such a question. He had himself been in every province in India. He never remained long in any place without making the acquaintance of the native and other missionaries. He had heard them preach. He had been a member of a native Presbyterian church, an elder in such a church, and could, therefore, claim to be able to speak on the question. If they asked him should they invest in this great missionary enterprise, his reply would be, "Invest, invest, invest, invest your sympathy, your interest, and your money."

Leadership in Missions.

Mr. J. Campbell White was the chairman at the Saturday morning meeting in Massey Hall, and delivered an inspiring address.

Mr. J. W. Flavell, of Toronto, spoke of the pastor's leadership in any important church movement, and held that he was still, as of old, a real leader, and upon him must devolve a large part of the responsibility for the attitude of his people towards this great missionary movement.

Charles A. Rowland, of Athens, Ga., gave a vigorous and effective address on the necessity for a Missionary Committee in every congregation.

Mr. Thomas Urquhart, of Toronto, gave a very interesting and forceful address upon Christian giving, and made a strong plea for tithing.

Mr. M. Parkinson, of Toronto, spoke very briefly, but most pointedly, upon the same subject.

Hon. W. H. Cushing, of Calgary, followed with an appeal to put into concrete action the enthusiasm engendered in the Congress.

Mr. Thomas Findlay, of Toronto, urged upon the audience the importance of a personal canvass as the only way of reaching every part of the different congregations.

Mr. J. Lovell Murray, of the Student Volunteer Movement, New York, also gave a very practical address upon "How to Maintain and Increase an Aroused Missionary Interest."

Laymen's Movement Progress.

Saturday evening's meeting was taken up largely with reports from the Co-operating Committees of the Laymen's Movement in several of the leading Canadian cities as to the methods and success of the movement. These were uniformly instructive and encouraging.

Then came the reading and enthusiastic reception and endorsement of the resolution setting forth the National Missionary policy as touched upon elsewhere in this issue. It was a fitting climax to a great gathering.

What Canada Must Do.

Rev. Dr. Wm. Sparling, pastor of Grace Church, Winnipeg, spoke on "The Church's Call to the Students." His appeal was to the keenest minds and to the heroic hearts. He reminded his hearers that to give the Gospel to the world in our generation will require 40,000 missionaries. There are 13,000 in the field now, so that 27,000 must be forthcoming immediately. From the United States and Canada 20,000 missionary leaders are necessary, and only 4,000 are in the field. Canada's share of these needed leaders is 1,600 missionaries; three or four hundred are in the field now; so there are required at once twelve or thirteen hundred more. He asked, are there that number of volunteers in our colleges? He thought the call was as

urgent and necessary for men as for money. This was a crisis in the church's history. She must have qualified leadership. The question a young man should ask was, "What shall I do to make the most of myself?" The men of the churches are saying, "We are ready to give the money if you will go and preach the Gospel." Ministers in their sermons, parents in the home, teachers in the colleges, said Dr. Sparling, ought to press more upon the young the claims of the ministry and of the mission field.

The two meetings held on Sunday afternoon and evening at Massey Hall were characteristic. The building was packed with audiences mainly composed of men, and were remarkable for their solidarity. The secret which had brought into communion men whose stations in life varied almost as widely as their individuals might well be sought for. It was partly revealed in the address of Mr. Silas McBee, editor of The Churchman, New York, when he said: "The churches are messengers to tell that the mansions are ready for every life for which Christ died. We must be content to be messengers, and not get in the way of the message." The tense silence was disturbed by a voice from the upper gallery saying that the latter part of the sentence had not been heard. The declaration was repeated, and through the audience swept a great wave of emotion, as the speaker's appeal for unity among the churches was realized. It was a revelation of the militant spirit of the churches which also followed when the speaker repeated the words of the Bishop of London: "We want men, not weaklings. Let us challenge every test and have as leader those not afraid of any test." Mr. McBee also powerfully appealed to his hearers when he said: "Why should it be regarded as disloyal and unreasonable to attempt to divide the loyalty of the citizen, and yet go on in our continuous waste of God's purpose for humanity and destroying our testimony to the power of Jesus Christ?"

Again Sir Andrew Fraser was one of the outstanding figures of the gatherings. In the afternoon he spoke on "Co-operation the Law of Christ's Kingdom," with that simple directness which has won so many Canadian hearts. The churches, he declared, must co-operate if the new nations which were awakening were to be won for Christ. Unity and co-operation were in the air. Christ was becoming more real, and having put their hand to the plough they must go forward in God's name.

"It thrills with the power of co-operative Christianity," was how Mr. J. Campbell White described the great final meeting. Then he drew a vivid picture of the world movement which was opening a new era in Christian history.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Dunville congregation calls Rev. W. M. Fee, M.A., of Wyoming, salary \$1,000 and two weeks' holidays.

Rev. G. P. Duncan, of Whitechurch and Langside, has resigned, with the view of accepting a call to Port Credit and Dixie.

The death is announced of Rev. J. W. Orr, pastor of the Dorchester congregation, London Presbytery, since October, 1906.

The formal opening of the new organ in St. Andrew's church, Sarnia, took place last week, and was celebrated by a concert, which was a gratifying success. In a very complimentary notice the "Observer" remarks:—W. E. C. Workman, organist of St. Andrew's church, showed off the organ to advantage. His selections were chosen with a view to displaying the qualities of the instrument, and the congregation have every reason to be proud both of their organ and organist.