

# TORONTO UNIVERSITY HONORS JOURNALISTS

### Four Imperial Press Delegates Made Doctors of Law—Patriotism is Keynote of Speeches—Lord Burnham Promises His Journal Will Give Clearer Conception of Canadian Aims.

A special convocation of the University of Toronto was held yesterday afternoon to confer the degree of doctor of laws on four members of the Imperial Press Conference, now visiting Toronto, these being: Robert Donald, chairman of the Press Union, London; Sir Gilbert Parker, Bart., Canadian ambassador to the United States; Sir Edmund Walker, managing director of the London Globe, and managing director of several other English newspapers; George E. Fairfax, chairman of the Australian section of the E. P. U., and part proprietor of the Sydney Morning Herald; Sir Robert Bruce, editor of the Glasgow Herald, and Sir Robert Falconer, president of the university, conferred the degree.

Sir Robert Falconer, in opening the convocation, stated that the senate of the university had decided to express its opinion of the importance of the press conference by conferring the doctorate on four members of the conference. In electing to honor these gentlemen the senate had acted in conjunction with the senate of McGill University.

Sir Robert stated that those who had come from Britain and other parts of the empire would find that the Canadian universities had a national character and quality at least equal to their own. "The history of the Dominion and especially of this province," said President Falconer, "is written in the life of the universities. Many of the constitutional changes have gone hand in hand with changes in the universities."

"The Canadian universities are assuming a character of their own. They continue to draw, as in the past, upon the most distinguished graduates from the old country who set the standards. A much larger proportion of old country graduates is to be found among the professors of Canadian universities than obtains in American universities."

"We preserve in the arts courses particularly the pass and honors system that distinguishes the English universities. But we have also drawn certain features from the new world, especially in regard to the social life of the student. Here are to be found evidences of the similar atmosphere south of the boundary line between Canada and the United States."

"The university games, football, hockey and lacrosse were distinctively native and Canadian," said the president, "unlike either the English or American college games."

Sir Edmund Walker gave a short resume of the attainments of these gentlemen, which justified the university in conferring the honorary degree upon them. He told the large audience that Robert Donald, born in Scotland nearly sixty years ago, was associated with the Edinburgh Evening News and that he had close relations with the late W. T. Stead and Viscount Milner. Mr. Donald had in his time represented The Pall Mall Gazette, afterwards spending a year in New York. He expatiated on his journalistic career when he was in harness with The Star of London and linked up with T. P. O'Connor. Mr. Donald was in 1898, he said, news editor of The Daily Chronicle, afterwards filling the important duties of editor and subsequently to his resignation from that journal controlled many provincial newspapers. In 1913 Mr. Donald was president of the Institute of Journalists, and from 1916 to this day was chairman of the Empire Press Union. In 1917-19 he reported on propaganda and was director of ministry of information. Mr. Donald was also hon. secretary British-American Peace Centenary Committee.

Dr. G. E. Fairfax, Chancellor Walker in introducing Geoffrey Evan Fairfax, told the audience that he was born in Australia in the same year as Mr. Donald, 1851, was educated at Sydney, Grammar School and was a graduate of Balliol College, Oxford. Dr. Fairfax was a barrister of inner Temple, London, England, and leaving the less lucrative profession of law for the larger sphere of journalism, took an active part in the conduct of The Sydney Morning Herald and The Sydney Mail. Dr. Fairfax was co-manager of the Australia Cable Association and chairman of the National Association of the Empire Press Union. Amongst the many public duties which he performed he was president of the New South Wales Bush Nursing Association and honorary treasurer of Australia Trained Nurses' Association.

Sir Robert Bruce, the president of the convocation, tracing that gentleman's journalistic career from the time he joined The Alico Advertiser, from which he graduated to the staff of The Aberdeen Journal in 1882, afterwards being London and Parliamentary correspondent until in 1888 he was promoted to the parliamentary staff of The Glasgow Herald. In the latter newspaper Sir Edmund said that Sir Robert Bruce was London editor for that journal, 1911-14, assistant editor 1914-17, afterwards assuming the onerous duties of "that journal which is a great force in Scotland." Sir Robert, the chancellor said, was a justifier of the peace of the city of Glasgow, a fellow of the Institute of Journalists, was the recipient of the degree of doctor of laws conferred upon him by the University of Glasgow, and that in 1913 the King was pleased to confer the dignity of knighthood upon Sir Robert.

Sir Gilbert Parker, Bart., the chancellor said he had little hesitation in introducing the Right Honorable Sir Gilbert Parker, Bart., P.C., who was a Canadian in 1882, and who received his early education in Trinity College, Toronto. He reminded those present that Sir Gilbert had made himself famous in the field of literature before leaving Canada to go to the motherland, where he won political honors by his election as member of parliament for Gravesend, in 1910, which constituency he continued to represent until 1918. Sir Gilbert had inaugurated the first Imperial Universities Conference and been chairman of the Imperial South

African Association for nine years, chairman of Small Ownership Committee, was a member of the government's overseas committee and was associated for two and a half years with the recent great war with American publicity. The chancellor further told the audience that Sir Gilbert had been knighted and created a baronet of the United Kingdom, besides being elected to membership in the Privy Council. He recalled that Sir Gilbert had been a great traveler, visiting Europe, Asia, Africa, America, and all the important islands of the South Seas and, furthermore, was interested in several British newspapers. "More than all, to us in Canada, he has by his novels and other works made the world acquainted with our past and its romantic adventure," concluded Sir Edmund.

Honor Appreciated. In thinking the university on behalf of those on whom the academic distinctions were conferred, Mr. Robert Donald stated that there was no honor which a journalist appreciated more highly than the degree of doctor of laws. It was particularly gratifying to receive the degree from Toronto, the largest university in the British empire.

Mr. Donald referred to the research work done in bacteriology at the university during the war, emphasized the importance of this branch of medical science and predicted that Toronto University medical school would become second to none in the empire.

After referring to the part which Toronto University played in the national life of the Dominion, Mr. Donald said that the members of the Imperial Press Conference had been struck by the prominent place given to education in Canada. He commented upon the splendid character of the school and college buildings, and the great amount of attention paid to science, which, he said, were outstanding characteristics of Canadian education.

"The greatness of a people," said Mr. Donald, "depends not so much on its natural resources as upon its character." He contended that education was a big factor in the shaping of character. The secret of Scotch success he attributed to their character, which he said, was shaped by the common school and the shorter catechism.

The Imperial Press conference, Mr. Donald described as a great co-operative effort for the good of the empire. It would result he thought in cementing existing relationships and bringing several parts of the empire more closely together.

Mr. Donald referred to the movement in England and America which was initiated to celebrate the hundred years peace existing between the two English-speaking peoples. He hoped that this would bring the British empire and America more closely together. The celebration was not held on account of the war the movement had the effect in bringing the two great countries together in a way that had not been contemplated. He suggested that a conference of all the universities of English-speaking countries should be instituted to preserve the purity and strength of the English language. "The English language," said the speaker, "is the greatest medium of human speech. It is spoken by 200 million people, and even the richest and more adequate as time goes on." But because of its being spoken in so many quarters of the earth, Mr. Donald said that the gradual changes which a hundred years would work in the language would result in different parts of the world. "At the present development continues," said he, "in a hundred years from now an empire press conference might need an interpreter."

# SOCIETY

Conducted by Mrs. Edmund Phillips.

The Toronto Women's Press Club gave a very smart tea for the two women delegates of the Imperial Press conference—Miss Billington, London, and Miss Marjorie MacMurphy, hon. president of the Canadian Women's Press Club, Toronto—and the women accompanying the men of the conference, one of whom, Sir George Toulmin, England, came with his host, Mr. H. H. Fudger. The beautiful drawing-room at Sherbourne House was full of flowers. On the white marble mantelpiece were many vases of mauve centaurias, and on the centre table a magnificent bouquet of Beauty roses, which scented the room, all the flowers being provided by the municipal council. At the entrance, the president of the club, Miss Lucy Doyle, received in a very becoming frock of ivory silk, embroidered and braided, and a small tete de negre loquax, with feather trim and lace collar. With her were Mrs. H. H. Fudger, the Viscountess Burnham, in a Pekin blue frock of silk mullin, with white collar, a black velvet sand round her throat, with diamond slides, and a beautiful diamond brooch fastening the corsage, and a black velvet hat with a white blue and white toulard, trimmed with white lace, a tuque of the toulard, with blue velvet, and a small tete de negre, with a corage bouquet of sweetheart roses. About twenty were present. Tea was served in the dining-room, the table being lovely with pink and white flowers. The guests were: Mrs. Marshall Saunders, Mrs. O. C. Pease and Miss M. Houston, The assistants were: Miss C. N. Storey, Miss M. Coxwell, Miss C. L. Prime, Miss Rose Macdonald, Miss Ethel Chapman and Miss Bertha Stanbury, Miss Marjorie Dyer and Miss Eleanor Stevens. An orchestra played in the hall during the afternoon. A few of those present included: Mrs. Manning Doherty, Mrs. R. H. Grant, Miss J. March, Mrs. H. D. Warren, Mrs. Agar Adamson, Mrs. Sidney Small, Miss MacMurphy, Mrs. Philip Quay, Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Jackson, Lady W. H. Dyer, Mrs. Willoughby Cummins, Miss Estelle Kerr, Col. MacQueen, Mrs. H. O. M. Gregory, Mrs. J. Jackson, Lady Starmer, Mrs. Fudger, Miss Eunice Fudger, Mrs. Vankoughnet, Miss Covington, Mrs. J. E. Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Ione, Mrs. L. A. Hamilton, Mrs. Stanbury, Miss Lollard. The members of the Women's Press Club to present were: Miss Prime, Miss McDonald, Miss MacMurphy, Mrs. Joyce, Mrs. Atkinson, Miss Alice, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Foster, Miss Story, Miss Miles, Miss Delamere, Mrs. Pease, Miss Saunders, Miss Dyer, Mrs. Edgerton, Mrs. Maswood, Mrs. Muir, Miss Phipps, Miss Plaxton, Miss Folinsbee, Miss Doyle, Miss Todd, Miss Hart, Miss G. L. O'Grady, Mrs. E. H. Thomas, Miss Houston, Mrs. Long, Mrs. Elliott, Miss Foster, Miss Steiner, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. and Mrs. Rosie, Mrs. Stanbury.

The Hon. Sir Henry Drayton, Lady Drayton and the Misses Drayton, are at the Bigwin, Lake of Bays. Mrs. John Cavithra has arrived from England and will be in the city at Port Credit. Mrs. J. E. Elliott has returned from a trip to the Berkshires Hills. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Miller are spending the week-end at Lake Simcoe. The marriage takes place this morning in the Church of St. Cecilia of Miss C. Veronica Conway to Col. E. Hutcheon. Mr. Seely Brush is leaving today for his son's farm near Fonthill, to spend the week-end with him. Dr. and Mrs. Oliver Maybee spent the week-end at the Queen's Royal, Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Among those who were present at the polo on the grounds of the Beck River Polo Club, Ontario, on Saturday afternoon, were the Marquis and Marchioness of Anglessea, Lieut.-Col. Sir Colin Campbell and Lady Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leiter (Chicago), Mr. Foxhall Keene and party from Toronto, Mrs. Huntly Drummond, Major and Mrs. Hugh Paton, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. George Hooper, Major William MacDougal and Miss MacDougal, Mr. H. Molson, Mr. Burnival, Capt. and Mrs. A. E. Ogilvie, Rev. William Murray, Mrs. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hampson, M.P.E., and Mr. Robert Hampson, Capt. and Mrs. G. L. Ogilvie, Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Barber, more and Major and Mrs. W. F. Ingsen. The Hon. Frederic Nicholls spent a week-end recently with Mrs. Grant Morden at their country house in England.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Macabe spent the week-end at Lake Joseph, Muskoka. Mr. and Mrs. Thuy Kent, Tyndall Avenue, left yesterday to spend two weeks in Bracebridge. Mrs. W. Morden has returned from visiting her daughter, Mrs. Green, at Huntville, Muskoka. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bonstall, Miss Pauline Bonstall, Mr. J. H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Paley, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Macnab, Mr. and Mrs. L. Edelstein, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Brandon are at the Clifton, Niagara Falls, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Northrup entertained at dinner last week at the Country Club in honor of Sir Gilbert Parker. Miss Alma Feller, Cannes, France, who has been the guest of Mrs. Walter Ramsay, Montreal, nursed through the war at a hospital equipped and maintained by the South of France Relief Association. She has come to Canada to renew the many friendships made during the war. She is now in Toronto to visit other members of the association.

The Saturday night dance at the Queen's Royal, Niagara-on-the-Lake, has as usual been very popular. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Lays Gooderham; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nicholls, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Monahan, Mrs. Thomas Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Malone, Mrs. Lansing, the Misses Moody, Miss Emily Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Rowlinson, Dr. and Mrs. Oliver Maybee, Mr. and Mrs. R. Klesser, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Swift.

Lunch at Hart House. At Hart House yesterday afternoon the delegates of the Empire Press were entertained by the board of management of the University of Toronto. Sir Edmund Walker, chancellor of the university, presided, and with him a table of honor were Lord Burnham, Mayor Church, President Falconer, Sir Gilbert Parker, Sir Robert Bruce, Mr. R. Donald, and others.

Sir Edmund Walker warmly welcomed the visitors and expressed the hope that all parts of the empire would care as much for the whole as for a part.

Lord Burnham Promises. In a well delivered and much appreciated address, Lord Burnham made the promise that the journals he represented should place before the British public a clearer conception of Canadian aims. The press of the empire had to put its energies and resources to the test to make great differences in the language in different parts of the world. "At the present development continues," said he, "in a hundred years from now an empire press conference might need an interpreter."

Impressed With Children. Sir Robert Bruce of The Glasgow Herald told of how much he was impressed with the care given to the children in this vast Dominion. He actually, the good Scotsman, wanted to throw off the burden of years (which sit so lightly upon him), and become a Canadian child, because "a nation which cares so much for the welfare of its children, its youth and its maidens, cannot but fulfill its glorious destiny." He said that in the present troublous times in Europe, the British, as in the past, would not falter neither would they fall. Right would triumph.

Sir Gilbert Parker was proud that he was a Canadian born, and stood aghast when he contemplated the amazing progress which had developed since the day it had been his lot to leave the land of his birth to enter into the activities of that motherland of which every English-speaking subject was proud. He believed the English-speaking race should control the world for peace, and this could be, in his opinion, achieved without the force of arms.

Drive Around City. Thirty automobiles, decked with flags, conveyed visitors of the Imperial Press Union delegation on a drive about the city this morning. Mayor Church, with Lord and Lady Burnham led the way. From the King Edward, the route went past the city hall, thru Queen's Park and the Exhibition Grounds, west to High Park, north and east to St. Clair Avenue, with a detour to pass Casa Loma, and thru the beautiful "Hill" residential district; thence to Rosedale, passing Government House, and easterly over the Avenue du Parc, the return being made via Gertrude and Wellesley streets to the Royal Ontario Museum on Bloor street, where the exhibits were briefly scanned prior to the luncheon at Hart House.

A number of the delegates preferred a game of golf and visited the Lambton and other links, of which they spoke in high terms.

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NOVELIST WEDS AGAIN. San Diego, Cal., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Harold Bell Wright, author and foreign minister, who recently was divorced from his first wife at Tucson, Ariz., and Winifred Mary Potter Duncan of Los Angeles were married here Thursday, it became known yesterday.

# W. C. T. U. CAMPAIGN IS IN FULL SWING

### Under the Able Leadership of Mrs. Ward Big Results Are Expected.

Mrs. F. C. Ward presided at an enthusiastic meeting, held yesterday afternoon at Willard Hall, Gerard street, to prepare for the great Willard Hall campaign, which is to be held from Monday, August 23, to Wednesday, August 25, inclusive. With Mrs. Ward on the dais were Mrs. G. B. Toye and Mrs. Redmond, who opened the meeting with prayer.

It is the intention to have the three centres of W.C.T.U. activities, Willard Hall, the Union Station and the hall at the "Ex," filmed, if this can be done. A grand banquet is scheduled, too, for Tuesday night, August 17, when the chieftains of the campaign will meet in hearty, if solemn, convalescence, to consider the campaign of the week following.

The meeting was more largely attended than had been anticipated. Mrs. Ward stated to The World that the campaign was really in full swing now. The whole city had been mapped out, and great expectations were entertained for the success of the undertaking, which was specially planned to help working girls. The movement had six travelers' aids at work constantly at the Union Station; it had a splendid reception hall and an employment bureau at the Willard Hall proper, and at the "Ex" grounds would have every convenience to deal with the large crowds which would be in attendance. Mrs. Bromley, Mrs. Duff,

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