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MISSIONARY CONVENTION BIGGEST THING IN CITY

Over Eleven Hundred Delegates Registered at Hamilton—Silas McBee Chief Speaker.

HAMILTON, Nov. 7.—(Special.)—The missionary convention, which begins its four days session in Centenary Methodist Church here to-morrow afternoon, promises to be the biggest thing of its kind that has ever taken place in Hamilton. At 10 o'clock to-night 1170 delegates had registered, and about half of the number will be visitors to the city. It is expected that at least 300 more names will be enrolled before the gavel falls for the opening session at 4.15 Wednesday afternoon.

The local convention is one of 11 which are being held in the principal cities from Vancouver, where the first was opened early in October, to Halifax, where the last one will be held near the end of the month. These conventions are part of a tremendous plan to evangelize the world in the present generation, and are being held for the purpose of arousing missionary zeal among all classes of Christians. That the Hamilton affair will be a great big success is beyond doubt.

Complete Preparations.

For several weeks past a band of a hundred local men have been at work arranging the details of the convention, and apparently the most complete preparations have been made for handling the big crowd and for arousing and keeping up enthusiasm. The executive secretary, A. J. Brace, came from China to take charge of the executive work in connection with the convention, and he has worked night and day since he has been here. C. W. Graham, the city secretary, has been indefatigable in his efforts towards making the thing a success. Others who have worked enthusiastically are the local denominational secretaries of the convention: Norman Slater (Presbyterian), W. J. Hobson (Anglican), Cal. Davis (Methodist), Archie Fraser (Baptist). Also Vice-Chairman Seneca, Jones and William Somerville, and James Henderson, the reception committee.

Bishop Clar kwill preside at the opening session to-morrow afternoon when Silas McBee, editor of The New York Churchman, who has a world-wide reputation as a worker in missionary movements, will delived the first big address to the delegates on the subject of "The Central Place of Missions in the Life of the Church." Mr. McBee comes here especially to deliver the address, and will return to New York immediately.

Increase in Building Permits.

The total value of building permits issued in Hamilton within the twelve months ending Nov. 1, according to information contained in the eighteenth annual report of Building Inspector John Anderson, which was made public to-day, was $4,175,105.

The number of permits issued was 1887. Permits for 1476 dwelling houses were issued at a value of $2,199,125, while 386 permits for factories and additions total $1,080,850. Five office and hall buildings are included in the figures given out, and their value is given as $233,000. The increase in the extent of building operations over the preceding twelve months is indicated by the granting of 415 more permits. The increase in value was $1,626,828.

Crushed His Skull.

William Fairweather, East Simcoe-st., was almost instantly killed at the plant of the Hamilton Bridge Works Company this afternoon, when a reinforcing plate weighing about 400 lbs. fell on him and crushed his skull. Fairweather, who has been employed at the bridge works for more than 20 years as an assembler, was engaged with other men in putting together the different parts of a steel girder when the accident happened this afternoon. The weight of the plate which fell was supported by another part of the girder, and Fairweather was required simply to hold the plate in position until it could be bolted. The work is said to be very easy and simple, and it is supposed that the unfortunate man had an attack of weakness and relaxed the pressure against the plate, thus allowing it to topple over on him. He died about fifteen minutes after the accident occurred.

Dr. Rennie will open an inquest into the man's death to-morrow noon.

The annual show of the Hamilton and Wentworth Poultry Association opened this morning in the drill hall. About 2000 birds are being shown, and are said to constitute the finest exhibition of feathered life ever made here. The show continues for four days.

Promised relief from the threatened shortage in Hamilton's natural gas supply this winter was contained in the proposal made to the city this morning by the North Shore Gas Co., which states that it has half a million feet per day which it offers to supply the company which has the city franchise. A difference over the question of price, it is said, has prevented the two companies making a deal, and the board of control will take the matter up at once in the interest of the householders, who would be seriously inconvenienced by an inadequate gas supply during the cold weather.

C. N. R. Hotel for Hamilton.

The report that the Canadian Northern Railway Co. intends shortly to put up a fine hotel in this city, was revived to-day by the story published in a local paper to the effect that a representative of the company had stated that the site for the hotel had been secured, and that within a few days, when the details of the transaction have been concluded, the plans of the company will be announced.

Another case of too much mother-in-law was alleged to be the cause of domestic infelicity in the family of Wm. Reid, who faced the police magistrate this morning on a charge of non-support preferred by his wife. The magistrate suggested that Mrs. Reid's mother find another domicile, and the estranged couple will make another attempt to steer the matrimonial barque without the maternal passenger.

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SOCIETY

Mrs. W. T. White, Queen's Park, held her first reception yesterday since her husband was made a cabinet minister, and a great many of her friends called to congratulate her. She was looking very pretty in a dark green velvet gown with panels of lace and wide collar, edged with white feather trimming. The Misses Frith (Bermuda) who are visiting Mrs. White assisted in looking after the many guests. They were dressed alike in pink silk dresses trimmed with lace.

Mrs. I. S. Dignam has returned from abroad, looking very much better for her long holiday.

Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Wynne, Mr. Gordon Jones and the Misses Geddes have arrived from England, Mrs. Jones having quite recovered from her recent accident.

The Hon. W. T. White and Mrs. White have taken a flat in the Roxborough, Ottawa, for the season, and go down this week.

The engagement has been announced in Montreal of Miss Muriel Jaques, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Arthur Jaques, to Mr. Lewis Phillip Thompson, manager of the Merchants' Bank of Canada at Wallaceburg, Ontario, and son of the late Mr. Lewis Thompson, Ingersoll. The marriage is arranged for an early date in December.

Mrs. Fred Oliver, St. George, who has been staying with Mrs. R. T. Steele, has arrived in Toronto, where she will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Angus Sinclair.

The rugby dance at the university has been postponed until Dec. 6.

Mrs. E. D. H. Van Allen will give a tea this afternoon to introduce her daughter, Miss Marjorie Van Allen.

Mrs. Gibb Wishart gave a tea yesterday afternoon to introduce her daughter Elsie, who looked very pretty in her coming-out frock of white satin with veiling of crystal tulle and carrying a bouquet of orchids, pink roses and lilies, her numerous other bouquets making a bower of the room where she received with her mother. Mrs. Wishart was wearing a very handsome brown satin gown draped with silk embroidered nett of the same color. Her corsage bouquet was a large spray of fine yellow orchids, which accorded with the rich brown of her gown. The table was a polished one centred with cluny lace and a square green basket of small yellow chrysanthemums. The assistants were the Misses Eaton, Miss Laura Ryerson, Miss Dorothy Roberts, Miss Lulu Crowther, Miss Kathleen Austin, Miss Mary Laidlaw.

Mrs. Pauline Winslow, who has been visiting Montreal, Toronto and St. John, N.B., has returned to Ottawa and is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. Alfred Robert.

Col. and Mrs. Shaw have moved to 409 Keele-street, where Mrs. Shaw will receive for the first time on Thursday.

Mrs. W. T. H. Selby, Maddison-ave., gave a small bridge party yesterday and another to-day for her guest, Mrs. Mullholland, Port Hope.

Mr. Thomas Mawson, the eminent landscape architect of London, Eng., who is delivering the course of lectures under the auspices of the university on civic art and city planning is accompanied by Mrs. Mawson. While in Toronto they are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hynes at 185 Walmer-road.

Miss Kathleen Snider and Miss Lillian Howse, are sailing this month for England, where they will visit friends for the winter months.

A large number of people motored to Winona on Friday afternoon, when Mrs. F. Henry was hostess of a delightful house-warming tea, in her beautiful new home, which was greatly admired by her many guests.

The engagement has been announced in Montreal of Miss Marjorie Clouston, only daughter of Sir Edward and Lady Clouston, to Dr. Todd, Macdonald College, formerly of McGill University.

Miss Catharine Welland Merritt, St. Catharines, spent a few days with Mrs. P. D. Crerar, Hamilton, last week.

Miss Ida Fissette has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. G. D. Merrett in Simcoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Glass, Toronto, announce the engagement of their daughter, Florence Wilhelmina, to Mr. J. W. Tims of the Bank of Montreal, Montreal.

Madame Philippe Roy returned with her family from Deauville to Paris, in the early part of the month. The commissioner-general for Canada and his family are now residing in their new apartments in the Avenue du Bois de Boulogne.

Mrs. J. G. Carroll, St. George-st., is giving a tea on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Percival Leadley will give a dance at the Metropolitan on Dec. 7.

Mrs. J. T. Anglin, Brunswick-ave., announces the engagement of her youngest daughter, Marjorie Kathleen, to Mr. Robert Templeton. The marriage will take place quietly early in December.

Miss Ione McLaughlin, Bedford-road, is giving a tea this afternoon to introduce her sister, Miss Cecil McLaughlin.

Mrs. E. T. Jacobi is giving a tea this afternoon.

Mrs. Scott Raff asked some friends to meet Miss Vereker on Monday afternoon in her studio at the Margaret Eaton School, North-st.

The dance under the auspices of the Ladies' branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which takes place in Windsor Hall, Montreal, to-night, is being looked forward to with the keenest interest. The committee in charge have been untiring in their efforts to make every arrangement possible for the comfort and enjoyment of the guests. An excellent orchestra has been procured, and there will be a room reserved for bridge for those who do not care to dance.

Lt.-Col. W. Hamilton Merritt and Mrs. Merritt have been at the Hotel Meurice, Paris, for a fortnight.

A marriage is arranged and will shortly take place between the Hon. Sybil Broderick, daughter of Viscount Midleton, and Mr. Ronald Graham, eldest son of Sir Henry Graham. The Hon. Sybil Broderick, who is now one of the Queen's maids of honor, was a visitor in Canada two or three winters ago.

The Earl and Countess Grey and their daughters have left London for Howick, Lord Grey's country seat in Northumberland.

Mrs. Charles Dougherty, Maclaren-street, Ottawa, entertained at an informal but very enjoyable tea on Saturday afternoon, which was given in honor of Mrs. Paul Benoit, who was formerly Miss Warren, Toronto. Mrs. Alex. Cartwright and Mrs. I. A. Machado presided over the tea table and were assisted by Miss Jame Scott. Among those present were Mrs. J. F. Crowdy, Mrs. Arthur Dorey, Miss Laura Smith, Miss Elsie Keefer, Miss Monica Lyon, Mrs. Robert Bell, Miss Alice Bell, Mrs. George E. Foster, Miss Gertrude Davies, Miss Hyndman of Charlottetown.

The marriage took place yesterday in Collingwood of Miss Mary Rosamond Telfer to Mr. Norman Armstrong Wylie, Toronto.

Mrs. Rorke is giving a bridge party to-day.

Lady Fraser, wife of Sir Andrew Fraser, ex-lieutenant-governor of Bengal, will address the Women's Canadian Club of Toronto on Monday, Nov. 13, at 4.45 p.m., in Conservatory Music Hall. Subject: "The Zenana Ladies Behind the Purdah."

Mrs H. G. Buckland, Palmerston-boulevard, gives a tea this afternoon to introduce her daughter, Miss Doris Buckland.

The marriage of Miss Mabel Undine Chilton, Parkdale, to Mr. Colin C. McLellan takes place this afternoon.

Dr. Charles A. Hodgetts has arrived in Toronto from Ottawa.

The opening twilight musicale of the Women's Art Association will be held in the galleries, Jarvis-street, this afternoon at 4.30. Madame Shirley Jacks, London, and Miss Margrette Waiste will be the assisting artists. The executive committee will be the hostesses on this occasion.

Col. and Mrs. Carleton Jones, who have been spending a fortnight in Toronto, returned to Ottawa on Thursday.

The Toronto Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society is holding its 13th annual ball at the Temple Building this evening.

Sir Henry Pellatt and the officers of the Queen's Own Rifles are giving an at home in the officers' mess-room at the armories after the presentation of prizes this evening.

Mr. Barnaby Nelson is giving a song recital in the Foresters' Hall, College-street, this evening.

The Toronto College of Music annual concert takes place in Massey Hall this evening.

The officers and members of St. Peter's Tennis Club have issued invitations for an at home to be held in St. Mary's new assembly hall, Bathurst and Adelaide-streets, on Wednesday evening, Nov. 15.

Mrs. W. A. Kempt was the hostess of a very large at home yesterday afternoon, to introduce her daughter, Miss Aileen Kemp, who was gowned in white satin and silver and carried orchids and roses. Her many other offerings of flowers were arrangs about her most effectively. The hostess was in blue chiffon over white satin, with diamond ornaments. An ochestra was present during the afternoon. The drawing room was decorated with yellow chrysanthemums and American beauties and the teatable was very pretty with lilies, violets and roses. The assistants in the drawing room were Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Woodland and Mrs. Scott Waldie, Miss Janet Robb (Quebec), Miss Joy Ryan (Guelph), both of whom were guests in the house, Miss Helen Brown, Miss Irene Leishman, Miss Yvonne Hobbs, Miss Gladys Huestis, Miss Maida McLachlan, Miss Winnifred Adams. In the evening Mrs. Kemp gave a dance at McConkey's, when over 200 were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Armington of Paris, France, have issued invitations to an exhibition of their original etchings, to be held at Matthews' Art Gallery, 95 Yonge-street, to-day and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m.

Receptions.

Mrs. Thomas J. Greene, 2366 East Queen-street, on Thursday, and afterwards on the first Wednesday of each month.

Mrs. F. F. Stuart and the Misses Stuart, Niagara Falls, are spending the winter in Toronto, and will receive at 132 Walmer-road, on Friday.

Mrs. W. F. Doherty and the Misses Doherty, Abbey-court, Eglinton, on Wednesday and Thursday, and afterwards on the first Wednesday.

Mrs. W. F. Johnston, 266 St. George-street, will receive to-day, and afterwards on the second Fridays.

Mrs. C. W. Campbell, 535 Bathurst-street, will not receive on Thursday, but on Friday, and not again until after the new year.

Mrs. George T. Scheibe and Miss Scheibe, 32 Hawthorne-avenue, will not receive until the new year.

Mrs. William E. Robertson, 576 Huron-street, will receive on Friday, and afterwards on the second Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. J. C. Boylan (nee Hazel Phillips) will receive for the first time since her marriage at the home of her mother, Mrs. Wesley B. Phillips, 315 Sunnyside-avenue, on Thursday afternoon and evening, and afterwards in her own house, 260 Garden-avenue, on the second Thursday of each month.

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Conservatory of Music Term.

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Western Club Banquet.

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