

## VOODOO WORSHIP SURVIVES IN HAITI

Instead of Child Is Modern Sacrifice — Interchurch World Movement Reports That Practice Has Not Been Suppressed.

Voodoo rites, with all the gruesome features that are part of the original African ceremony, are being performed in Haiti, five days by boat from New York. The existence of Voodoo worship there has been established by the Haitian Survey of the Interchurch World Movement. Interchurch investigators report that the attempt of Americans and Europeans in Haiti to break up this practice has not yet been successful.

The rites are administered by a native priest or what would be called in Africa a "witch doctor." A child is sometimes sacrificed, its heart being taken out and the participants drinking of its blood. The more modern form of the ceremony substitutes a goat for a child. Sometimes the child is used until the moment of the supreme sacrifice arrives, when the goat is substituted.

Haiti Has Its Own Postal Troubles. The method of delivering letters, for example, left something to be desired until the present director of the postal service introduced a few needed reforms.

**"Laxative  
Bromo  
Quinine  
Tablets"**  
C. W. Brown

## AN AUTHOR AT WORK



Frank Burnett of Vancouver, writer on travel and antiquities, photographed in his home museum, said to be the finest home collection on the continent, and which will eventually be housed in the new British Columbia University at Vancouver. Mr. Burnett's best known works are "Through Tropic Seas," "Through Polynesia and Papaya," "Summer Isles of Eden" will soon be published from London. He has written for the chief Canadian and American magazines on the South Seas and on civilization in the Far East. He spends most of his time digging into depths unfamiliar to members of the white race. A story of romance and a venture lies behind each of the curios shown in the photograph.

forms. The accepted plan was to engage a small boy of ten or twelve years of age who could neither read nor write, arrange the letters between his fingers in the order in which the houses came and send him on his way rejoicing. Postmasters and other employees under the old administration appear to have been selected rather for their good

looks or their virtue than for mere literary qualifications. The present director found that many of the postmasters could not read or write. Things have improved under the present administration, for the first act of the new director was to hire fifty per cent of the employees and there are still plenty left to carry on the business.

## FRENCH PRESS

### ON BY-ELECTIONS IN DOMINION

La Presse:—"The conclusion that we are justified in drawing from the results of the by-elections in the St. James Division of Montreal and in Temiskaming, Ont., is that the Unionist government is unpopular and that its days are numbered. It had not even the courage to nominate a candidate in St. James. If the defeats of Wednesday were the first to be sustained since 1917, the government might still cling to some hope, but they have been preceded by others equally significant in the result. Their significance is that a party without a chief is like a ship without a captain. It quickly goes to wreck and ruin. They mean that the people who, in the course of the last few years, have been ruled with severity and contrary to the constitution, intend to take their revenge and that they will stress it as much as possible. The Labor party did gloriously on Wednesday, notwithstanding the defeat of Mr. Mathieu in St. James. Mr. McDonald, in Temiskaming, achieved success as the standard-bearer of the working men, and Mr. Rinfret, in St. James, posed equally with his rival, as a champion of the labor classes; and the labor vote believed in his sincerity, inasmuch as the workmen accorded him a good part of their favor. The only disappointing fact in the election in St. James is the truly grievous apathy of the electorate. On a register of more than 9,000 electors, few more than 5,000 went to the polls. We are bound to say that such a lack of public spirit does not reflect credit on a population like that in St. James Division, which has hitherto been so jealous of its rights. It is a willful indifference that we must labor to dissipate."

A Blow to the Government. La Patrie:—"Neither in the one election nor the other can the government find the least encouragement. In Temiskaming the result is a straight defeat for the government, while it adds not a little to the prestige of the United Farmers. We regard the province of Quebec, the political movement of the Labor party does not seem to make any appreciable progress. The electors in St. James Division, workmen and all others, voted on Wednesday as they have voted for the past twenty years. They reaffirmed their attachment to the Liberal party. Between two Liberals, they did not hesitate to elect the official candidate of the party. It is to be gathered from the two elections that the province of Quebec will not be drawn into the political revolution which is taking place in the other provinces. Farmers and workmen may unite elsewhere to form a new and powerful party organization, but those of our province will not be drawn into such a union. Our population is not one for making changes, and for this reason, perhaps, the province will once more act as a useful counterbalance in the political evolution of the Dominion.

Solid Quebec. La Canada:—"The verdict of Wednesday demonstrates that the French-Canadians remain unalterably faithful to the principles of the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The Quebec 'block' remains solid in its disapproval of the Borden rule, and it cannot be broken."

## MINISTERS' WIVES PREACH SERMONS

Ladies' Day in Zion Methodist church was observed yesterday and all three services were conducted by the wives of Methodist ministers. Exceptionally large congregations attended and the services, which made a special appeal to the women, were full of inspiration and edification. At the morning service Mrs. J. B. Gough, of Silver Falls, was the preacher and led the service. The music was by the choir of the church. Mrs. Gough's sermon was particularly fine. Miss Wilson presided at the organ. In the morning Miss Hazel Johnson, as soloist, gave a very pleasing rendering. Mrs. Gough's feeling sermon was preached from the text, "Hast thou known Me, Philip?"

In the afternoon Mrs. Steel was the chairman for the pleasant gathering and the programme included a solo, by Miss Ruth Wood; scripture reading, by Mrs. Berryman; anthem, by the choir, "The Old Rugged Cross"; reading, The Class Leader's Dream, by Mrs. M. E. Connor; dialogue, Mrs. Connor and Miss L. Skidmore; solo, Miss Marie Purdy; reading, Miss H. Hannah; violin solo, A. Skidmore and S. Skidmore; address, Mrs. Steel; solo, Miss H. Skidmore; Doxology, Mrs. M. E. Connor conducted the evening service. Mrs. F. E. Boothroy gave the scripture reading. The solo, "Mother's Story," was charmingly sung by Miss L. Skidmore, and Miss Wilton. Mrs. M. Watt sang a very pretty duet. Mrs. Connor chose for her text, Ruth, chapter 1 and verse 16: "Why people shall be my people and thy God my God." In a very touching manner she told the famous story of Ruth's devotion, of her testing time and of her decision. Mrs. Connor exhorted her hearers to be like Ruth, and to choose what was right; to declare for God boldly and to follow duty faithfully.

The offerings were collected by women and throughout all matters of arrangement of the services were in charge of women. A special collection was taken for the Women's Missionary Aid Society.

## ENGLISH ELECTIONS.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, April 11.—By-election results announced Saturday give an illustration of the present complicated state of British politics. In the Dartford constituency, where the election was held on March 27, J. Mills, the Labor candidate, was elected. He received 18,610 votes. R. Mellor, Coalition Unionist, and Tom Wing, Independent Liberal, the leading candidates who opposed Mills, polled between 4,000 and 5,000 votes each. There were five candidates in all. The vacancy was caused by the death of J. Rowlands, Coalitionist-Liberal, who in 1918 had a majority of 9,120 over a Labor opponent. The Labor vote in the present election was more than double that of 1918, while the Coalition candidate commanded less than one-sixth of the total vote. In the by-election at Stockport, also held on March 27, the Coalition-Unionist and the Coalition-Liberal candidates polled more than 22,000 votes, while Sir Leo Money, on the Labor ticket, polled 10,000 votes. Stockport is a two member constituency and both seats were vacant.

On the Valley Railway on Saturday night the evening express from St. John left the rails about one mile above Gagetown. A section of the roadbed was torn up, the front axle on the tender was broken and other damage done. Nobody was injured.

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