

IN DARKEST SIBERIA.

An Interesting Lecture by Mr. G. R. Faskin, B.A.

The Horrors of Russia's Penal System Exposed—Better Days in Store for Siberia.

A very interesting and instructive narrative was given last evening by Mr. G. R. Faskin, B.A., of the College Institute, in the lecture hall of the First Presbyterian Church, under the auspices of the ladies workers of the congregation. The subject was "Siberia," with special reference to its penal system. It was delivered in a very able and agreeable manner by the lecturer, who held up the search light of modern investigation to the darkness of the unhappy land, which nature has favored and man has oppressed. Rev. W. J. Clark, pastor of the church, occupied the chair. In his introductory remarks he referred to Mr. Faskin's proposed departure from the city. While this was a regrettable circumstance, it was pleasing to know that the professor was planning to adopt such a commendable pursuit as the study for the ministry. At the conclusion of his lecture a vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Faskin by Mr. Robert Reid, and doubly seconded by Mr. Archibald McPherson and Dr. Buckle.

The lecturer in commencing sketched a trip from St. Petersburg to Siberia, dwelling on the commercial and importance and the beauty of the River Volga, which gives wharfage to over 1,000 villages and 39 cities. It was 2,600 miles in length, and at places 30 miles in width. There at one of the boundary posts, which divided Russia from Siberia, the hardened criminal thought of a life time of "what might have been," that were the saddest of all; the peasant exile bade farewell to a land he loved despite its social inequalities, and the cultured political prisoner agonized over his last hope for the fatherland, dear to him despite its despotic thralldom. The speaker described the geography of Siberia and emphasized its vast areas. The United States, Alaska and every country in Europe, Russia herself excepted, could be placed in Siberia, and there would still be 300,000 square miles uncovered. Siberia consisted of four great steppes, the highest being at the south, sloping towards the ocean. The second steppe from the south was not unlike Ontario in its natural resources and physical features, and was destined to become the home of a nation. The lecturer then pictured one of the typical forwarding prisons, which were widely distributing points for convicts. Taking the prison Tiiman as an example, he pointed out that, with accommodation for only 500 convicts, it did not infrequently make to hold 1,500 of the unfortunate at one time. They ranged in quality from the most brutal murderers to the man of advanced political thought. Many of them had with them their wives and families, the latter preferring to go into exile than to remain in a country that would not give the bread-winner a home.

Mr. Faskin showed, from authentic sources, the wretchedness of the hospital service among the exiles. In such a crowd and among such hardships the sickness and distress was naturally great, and the hospital accommodations were entirely inadequate. One-third of the prisoners were in the hospitals and one-half the patients never came out alive. The cost, it told, for each prisoner was 3½ cents a day.

The lecturer took his hearers through Siberia for the purpose of examining life in the villages and small towns. Actual life in the agricultural districts was very far below its possibilities, owing to the dense ignorance of the outside world due greatly to the censorship of the press. The people were not by any means mean and squalid, but their opportunities were circumscribed by official tyranny. Only expurgated editions of the best modern works were to be found in the libraries of the small towns. The nihilist was a man who had the same political convictions as the average citizen of this country. He wished freedom of the press, freedom of speech and constitutional government. The fact that such a person gained the enmity of the Government was sufficient commentary on that Government.

Visiting one of the interior prisons, the speaker told of the miserable accommodations, the bad food, the scanty clothing and the onerous labor shifted upon men without discrimination as to their physical powers. The natural result was to while away the time of the long days and short nights afforded plenty, gave rise to every species of crime, and the majority of exiles sank to the level of beasts. Punishments were severe, and the petty offences were regarded as crimes. The usual penalty was to "walk the green line" between two rows of soldiers armed with rods. Every soldier was bound to draw blood, and the prisoner was not allowed to leave the line until he had done so. The most common punishment was to be confined in a cell for a week or more, and the prisoner was not allowed to leave the cell until he had done so.

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WESTERN ONTARIO.

ELGIN.

In the attempt being made at St. Thomas to find natural gas, the drill has gone down 2,850 feet, and is still on its way. It is intended to go down at least 3,000 feet before the attempt is abandoned. A joint stock company of enterprising citizens have undertaken the work.

Mrs. E. Cron, of St. Thomas, is ill of hemorrhage of the lungs. She had a serious attack while at Grand Rapids last summer.

MIDDLESSEX.

Alex. Druggan has entered a suit against South Dorchester township, claiming \$15,000 damages for injuries received by the upset of his buggy, caused by a rail in a defective hole in a bridge on the road. The injury was received last September, and the plaintiff claims he is not yet able to attend to business.

Bylaw 323 appointing deputy returning officers and polling places for the municipal election of 1894 and taking the poll on the prohibition plebiscite was read and passed at the last meeting of the London Township Council.

OXFORD.

Frederick Hawkins, of Ingersoll, while on a spree recently, tore two of his wife's dresses and a pair of boots to shreds, for which the magistrate gave him two months. George H. Hallock, of East Zorra, has been served with a writ of habeas corpus to recover two children he had taken away from his wife, with whom he had not been living of late. Hallock incurred the sum of money, and to avoid arrest for contempt of court, had left the country with the children.

PERTE.

The death took place at Listowel on Thursday of Robert Roth, eldest son of Valentine Roth. On Sunday Arthur Roth, brother, succumbed to an attack of lung trouble. The brothers were partners in the Listowel brewery.

Mr. Laird, the retiring principal of the St. Marys public school, was recently the recipient of a very handsome easy chair, the gift of the scholars.

TO BLACK UP FOR CHARITY.

Managers of a Hospital Arranging a Minstrel Show.

New York, Dec. 20.—The managers of the Memorial Hospital for Women and Children, in Brooklyn, will give an entertainment at the Academy of Music, Jan. 8, for the benefit of the institution. The special feature will be a negro minstrel show in which Brooklyn women will appear with blackened faces. The women managers of the hospital met and appointed a committee to look after the details. One of them said: "A Boston woman who has had some experience in this line will manage the show. Her name, as well as those of the women who will participate, will be kept secret. Some New York women will assist us. No feature of the regular old minstrel show will be omitted. If the venture is successful we may take the academy for a week later on."

HAS THE EVIL EVE.

Monson Is a "Jettatore"—A Man Who Brings Ill Luck to Others.

London Truth publishes the following curious item in connection with the now celebrated Ardamont mystery: "Whether Mr. Monson is guilty or not of the murder of Lieutenant Ardamont is a matter on which a jury will have to decide. In Italy, however, it would be believed that he is a jettatore—that is to say, a person who, from no fault of his own, has the singular attribute of bringing some misfortune on others wherever he goes. The only way for anyone brought in contact with such a person to avoid ill consequence is to point two fingers at him. Pope Pio Nonno was supposed to be a jettatore, and the most devout Catholics while asking his blessing used to point two fingers at him. I remember once in Nice, there was a gentleman who had this reputation. The prefect, being a Frenchman, invited him to a ball. He soon, however, discovered that if the jettatore came many other would not, and he had to convey him delicately the request not to accept the invitation.

"A few years ago, Mr. Monson rented a large house in the country which was standing idle. Soon the racks of hay there were burnt down. A little later the stables were burnt down, some of the horses were nearly destroyed, owing to the having been forgotten until the last moment to open the door in order to let them out. But as they were his horses, and the property of the jettatore himself, he was injured, the stable door was opened by the villagers just in time to save his horses. Mr. and Mrs. Monson left the house on his tenure of it expiring, but a servant was left there to bring up the luggage, etc., the next day. That night the house was burnt down, and jewelry belonging to Mrs. Monson was melted. As, however, it was insured, the loss was not felt. Mr. Monson, which would be deemed in Italy an additional reason for believing that he has the 'evil eye.'"

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A Remarkable Comparison. In the great hall of Cooper Union, New York, on Saturday night, Nov. 18, Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, the distinguished pastor of Plymouth Church, delivered a most interesting lecture on the "Parliament of Religions." He said it was a most wonderful gathering; none like it has ever taken place and no country was so fitting for it as this; he briefly outlined the chief occurrences in the history of America which made such a congress possible and marveled that men should have objected to see Christianity side by side with Paganism on such an occasion.

"Why," said the speaker, "every day while I was at the fair I walked by the exhibit of the New York Central Railroad Company, with its monster engine and palatial drawing-room cars. Right side by side with this wonderful exhibit stood the first railway train, with its primitive engine, with a boiler scarcely larger than a tea-kettle, and its old coaches. The great railroad show did not lose by contrast, neither did Christianity at the Religious Congress."

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