MORAL REFORM AND LORD'S DAY

Special Services in Several of the City Churches.

Sunday School Anniversary Services in Simcoe Street.

Two Secretaries of the Lord's Day Alliance Here.

Rev. Dr. Chown, of the Department of Moral Reform in the Methodist Church, occupied the pulpit in Wesley Church at both services yesterday. The attendance of the congregation was very large. Dr. Chown's subject dealt largely with the question of moral reform in Canada. He said that it was directed against the most gigantic sin of the world. Dr. Chown said it was the object of the department he represented to circulate literature for the betterment of the people. The office in Toronto was merely a bureau of information. The Methodist Church in Canada, was merely a means to the ultimate end, of working good in the community. It was one of the objects of the department to look after legislation in Parliament for moral reform objects. At the last meeting of the Methodist conference it was decided that this work needed special attention, and for that reason the department was asking the churches for a gift of $8,000. Dr. Chown said that this was a moderate request considering the fact that the Presbyterian Church was asking $10,000 and the department in the United States was asking for $35,000.

Dr. Chown spoke on the subject of the citizenship of this country and its need for betterment. It had to be recognized sooner or later that Jesus Christ is the leader of all classes. The department of moral reform was inaugurated for the purpose of making people see things in the right way. Its object was not censorship of the manner in which people were conducting themselves. Dr. Chown said that moral reform and patriotism should be taught to the children in the public schools where they might learn the fundamental laws of good citizenship. There is not enough Christianity in Canada. As far as he could learn there is not a book in the hands of the school teachers in Ontario that dealt with the question of morality. No doubt the teachers are doing the best work they could under the circumstances, and they impressed the children with the necessity of being good. Dr. Chown said that moral reform should be taught in the public schools, and the ideals of national life of Canada should be made clear.

Nations should tremble before Japan in the matter of moral reform. The moral perception of the Japanese is very high, and while the ideals of religion in that country might be inferior, the Japanese have common sense in their national life that is sadly needed in the so-called civilized countries of the world. He argued that Canada should develop a more courageous type of man for the religion that is taught in this country.

Lord's Day Alliance.

Rev. W. M. Rochester, one of the Northwest secretaries of the Lord's Day Alliance, was at Charlton Avenue Church yesterday morning to replace Rev. T. Albert Moore, who was seized with illness on Saturday. His subject was the Sabbath day question. In considering the Sabbath we ought to consider our independence and look at it wholly on its merits, he said. No incidents in connection with it in the past should deter us or have any influence over us as the abuses of old are to be taken as warnings instead of maxims. The laws of the church or Bible are not as good to follow as the laws of our own nature. A man can do his best himself which shows that guidance comes through him from God, and touches his higher and also his physical being. He quoted the words of a United States judge who said, in giving a decision, that "if we lose our Sabbath as a civil institution it will mean social and moral chaos." It is all right for a horse to have some food, some play and some rest on the Sabbath, but a man needs more. The physical side of him is only a minor consideration and it is his moral side he should cultivate. Reading, meditation and worship are all necessary for this. Mr. Rochester then went into what people should do on the Sabbath instead of following the lead of those who preach what should not be done. He said that the greatest menace to the Sabbath is this country was the foreigners.

The same subject was taken up by Mr. Rochester in Gospel Tabernacle at the evening service.

At the evening service in St. Andrew's Church yesterday the preacher was Rev. Mr. Hanna, also one of the secretaries of the Lord's Day Alliance, who chose as his text the Fourth Commandment, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," preaching an interesting discourse on the progress made in late years in conserving to the people the weekly day of rest. His remarks were intently and approvingly listened to, and were characterized by a happy moderation in tone and statement. The speaker reported a large degree of success in the educational work which was proving a boon to thousands who were in danger of losing their Sunday rest.

Simcoe Sunday School.

Yesterday the anniversary of Simcoe Street Methodist Sunday school was held. The children assembled in the morning at 11 in the church, and listened to a very interesting sermon, preached by Dr. Tovell, pastor of Wesley Church. Dr. Tovell took as his text the words "One thing is needful," and had the children deeply interested in answer of what this one thing is, soon becoming convinced that it was religion. Dividing that in four parts, the little ones were lead to realize that it was: 1st, Knowledge of Christ. 2nd, Faith in Christ. 3rd, Love for Christ. 4th, Obedience to Christ. Through anecdotes cleverly told each part was fully illustrated, and made clear to the child mind, and evidently carried home the truths emphasized.

The afternoon service of the school was of a special character, Rev. R. Whiting, pastor of Centenary Church, being the principal speaker. His text was "The ornament of a meek and quiet spirit." The truth was taught that different ages and countries each had modes of dress that appealed to their own time and country, but that above all earthly splendor the ornament of the mind that caused happiness and love to be spread abroad in the world was the most desirable. The church choir, under the leadership of Mr. Geo. Siddall, assisted in making the service bright and helpful. Mr. and Mrs. Hampson, Mrs. Robinson and Miss Maxwell sang solos, and the Misses Teeple, Maxwell and Wilson sang a trio, all of which gave much pleasure.

The pastor, Rev. H. B. Christie, preached to the parents and teachers in the evening, his text being the words of Hebrew xi. : "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith." Noah lived as a righteous man in the midst of wickedness, and when God looked upon the earth He found it literally covered with wickedness, and no fear in the heart of man, so that God saw no way of mending, but rather to start over and people the world with a new family. Noah's faith was such that he believed in warning, and God announced His judgment on sin and had decided to sweep man away, for God had created men to glorify Him, and instead they had become steeped in sin. Noah must have been a strong character to live a righteous life, and to keep his family in the right path, and to-day if parents are to succeed and lead their children to lives of righteousness they must be strong in the strength that God supplies.

Noah believed God so thoroughly that he took the warning to heart, so that he moved with fear, and began to prepare for the coming of the flood, building an ark probably 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 50 feet high.

Children may be brought to God by the gospel of love, but men and women must be moved by fear. Fear is the principal element in all the affairs of life, and why not in the realm of religion? Luther was a pretty headstrong boy, and when God wanted to get hold of him it was through fear, and in the midst of a violent storm of thunder and lightning he vowed he would serve God. Although Noah labored for 120 years in the preparation and construction of the ark, all of which time he preached righteousness, he was scoffed at, and in the end saved only his own family. What a terrible charge that Bob Ingersoll made when he said that if Christianity is true, that so many parents let their children grow up to be kindling wood in hell. While so many little theatres are offering premiums to get our children, and the liquor interest putting in candies small quantities of liquor to get the children used to the taste, what will we say about the parents who scarcely ever put their feet in the House of God? There is always a class of scoffers who gibe at the church, and in the time of Noah they probably worked on the ark and took their wages. Others again want to be saved without effort, while some are so busy in getting all the pleasures possible out of life that they have no time for serious thought, and are carried down with the great flood when the door of the ark of safety is closed by the hand of God. Mr. Seth Siddall sang a solo in his usual taking manner.

The anniversary services will be concluded on Tuesday evening, Dec. 3, when the children's entertainment will be given. A splendid programme is in preparation, including a cantata, which is sure to give great pleasure. The public is cordially invited.

Centenary Church.

Rev. Mr. Whiting took for his morning theme on Sabbath "The Transfigured Jesus." Peter says it is no cunningly devised fable that he is bringing them, but that he was an eye-witness himself, as well as Jesus and John. He describes the situation and gives the words which they heard: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." To understand fully any event in life we must understand what preceded and what followed it. No act stands absolutely for itself. What went before and what followed must be supplied to give us the proper perspective. When we see Christ before Pilate with the crown of thorns upon His head, we ask ourselves is this an anti-climax, to the scene upon the Mount of Transfiguration? No, it is its true sequence and consummation. The disciples did not fully understand it, but they saw that it means sacrifice. There Jesus prayed the divinest kind of prayer. He communed with God. So when you pray to God throw open your whole nature to God, believing that He is willing to hear and help. Jesus prayed and a wonderful thing happened. His face was mystically lit, His garments were glistening white and he was transfigured before them, so all the gospellers narrate. We can't explain it, but so it is told of Moses, when he came down from the Mount that his face shone. It is from coming in contact with the Father. This Mount of Transfiguration was also the Mount of Renunciation, for God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believeth in Him might not perish, but have everlasting life.

In the morning the choir rendered Nunn's "Come, Ye Faithful," and the quartette sang Shelley's "The King of Love." In the evening Stainer's "Magnificat in A," Mendelssohn's "Lord, How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me," and a trio song, Verdi's "Praise Ye." A short organ recital followed the evening service.

St. Andrew's Church.

Yesterday morning at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Rev. Mr. Wilson, the pastor, administered the sacrament of baptism to twelve children. He also preached the second sermon of a series on the Apostles. The previous Sunday Peter was his subject, yesterday it was John. He chose for his text John xiii. 23, "Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved." John's gospel, he said, was written, it was believed, some fifty years after the other gospels were written. It did not deal, as theirs did, so much with the historical facts of Christ's life on earth as with the personality of Christ, and its great theme was love—brotherhood. This series of discourses promises to be very interesting. Mr. Wilson conducted religious services at the Asylum for the Insane yesterday morning.

SLEEP

Is nature's method of restoring lost vigor and the man or woman who is trying to do with a small amount of sleep is burning life at both ends and wasting nature's reserve of vitality.

A great anatomist said five hours of sleep were enough for any man, and more a waste of time. He died at the age of thirty of consumption. Get from eight to ten hours of sleep, says Prof. Barton, if you work hard with mind and body, in a well ventilated room.

Mr. Barton at his illustrated lecture on "Health to Men and Women," next Wednesday and Thursday in Y. M. C. A. Hall will give many practical hints on diet, sleep, air, exercise and bathing. He will also be assisted by the Y. M. C. A. Gymnasts, who will do parallel bars, pyramids, fencing and posing. All unused tickets for previous lectures will be accepted for either night.

"Money talks," quoted the Wise Guy. "Yes,' assented the Simple Mug; "but I have noticed that the fellow who has the money is generally a man of few words."

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CHRISTMAS is only three weeks away and the last two of those weeks will be a time of rush and hurry. Prevent them from being a time of worry, too. Start your shopping to-morrow and start at The Right House. Never has the store so fully expressed or so impressively conveyed the true Christmas idea in such a wide diversity of attractive gift suggestions. You will find here just the things you wished for. Hosts of appropriate and useful gifts that will be most acceptable to any one. You will find the largest stocks, the finest goods, the lowest prices and the promptest service. Christmas stocks are at the highest point of completeness now. Visit The Right House to-morrow and see for yourself what a great value-giving Christmas store it is. And remember gifts that come from this store will be appreciated the more because of their unquestioned quality and character.

Start to-morrow.

Beautiful Xmas blouses: a magnificent showing

Exquisitely beautiful styles boxed ready for gift giving

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Net blouses for Xmas $7.50

Made of fancy figured cream net; silk-lined, daintily trimmed with 5 rows of new filet lace insertion down front, back and sleeves. Pretty ¾ sleeves with cuffs and collar of filet insertion. All sizes, 34 to 42 inches. Very special at $7.50 each.

Point d'esprit Xmas blouses

Made of fine Point d'Esprit with dainty lace yoke; wide insertion panel on each side, back and front, edged with bias folds of China silk in the Gibson effect. The Mikado sleeve, prettily trimmed with insertion and lace edging. Special Xmas sale $3.75.

Special big display and sale of beautiful Christmas blouses: don't miss it

ON display to-morrow and all this week a most charming and large assortment of novel new styles in Blouses, made of taffeta silks, louisine silks, crepe de chine silks, allover laces, nets, etc. Most appropriate Xmas gifts.

Some are beautifully trimmed with large medallions, Valenciennes lace and guipure insertions. Others have the new Mikado sleeve, finished with wide insertions. Still others are of allover Princess lace, $3.00, $5.00, $5.50, $6.00, $6.50, $7.00 and up to $18.50 each.

Oriental net lace blouses for Christmas

Ecru and white, prettily embroidered in coin spot and neat leaf patterns. Some have dainty lace yoke of Valenciennes insertion. Others are tucked back and front to yoke depth and outlined with row of guipure insertion, silk lined. Christmas sale price only $5.50 each.

Lace blouses for Xmas at $6

Exquisite novelty Blouses in cream, cream and pink and cream and sky, in the new lace and silk combinations, handsomely trimmed with appliqued silk braid and lace ornaments; wide panel of silk on sleeve and down back and front; Xmas sale $6.00.

Silk and lace blouses $10

Made of taffeta silks, allover laces and fancy nets. Some are elaborately trimmed with beautiful Princess lace. Others are trimmed with Val. insertions and guipure medallions on front and sleeves. Others are of allover baby Irish with applique and lace edgings. Xmas sale $10.

Dainty and beautiful fascinators and scarfs for Christmas gifts

Many pretty new styles in silk and silk and wool for evening wear

Wool fascinators for Christmas $1

Silk and wool mixed in pretty shell patterns with fancy border. Cream, cream and sky, cream and black and black and white. Extra long. For evening wear or can be used as a throw scarf. Special Xmas price only $1 each.

Llama wool scarfs for Christmas

Knitted of extra fine Llama wool in white; fancy new patterns that are very attractive. Size 27 by 72 inches. Can be used for either head or neck wear. These are very pretty and highly effective. They make very desirable Xmas gifts. Special at $1, $1.25 and $1.50.

Beautiful silk fascinators

A handsome Xmas gift. The long scarf effect; pure silk with pretty colored raised floral designs. Cream with pink, cream with sky, cream with helio and all the other pretty evening shades. Edged with deep border of fine silk lace. Very special Xmas value at $3 and $3.50 each.

Silk scarfs for Christmas $1.25

Knitted of fine silks in a deep cream shade. Several pretty effective patterns to select from. Correct size for head or fancy neck scarf. A very appropriate gift that is sure to be appreciated. A splendid Xmas value at only $1.25 each.

THOMAS C. WATKINS.

New Xmas silk embroidered black cashmere stockings

Put up in a dainty gift box

FINE Black Cashmere Stockings, English knitted of wear tested yarns. Neatly embroidered with silk at ankle in white, sky or red dots or small neat effective designs. Double heels and toes. A most acceptable gift. Per pair in box, 65c, 75c, 85c and $1.10 the pair.

Dainty Paris fans for Xmas

WHAT nicer than a pretty fan for an Xmas gift? Here they are in large variety direct from the Paris makers. Many beautiful and novel new styles in exclusive designs. Note the large variety at 65c, 75c, $1.00 and $1.50. Others at $2, $2.50, $3 to $14 each. All nicely boxed.

Real ebony brushes for Xmas

DUPONT'S best French made Brushes, imported direct—each piece stamped and guaranteed real ebony. Admirable for Christmas gifts, being a constant reminder of the giver's good taste.

Military Brushes, per pair, $2, $3, $3.70, $4.50 up
Hair Brushes, each 65c, 85c, $1, $1.25 up to $2.50
Clothes Brushes, each $1, $1.50, $2 and $2.50
Hat Brushes in several styles, 50c, 65c, 75c each
Nail Brushes with heavy bristles at 50c each
Nail Files, good steel, 25c, 35c, 50c and 60c
Buffers, 25c to 45c. Mirrors, $2 to $2.50 each

Handsome Xmas umbrellas

THE finest collection of Women's Umbrellas we have ever shown for the Xmas trade. Scores of exclusive and novel new styles in fancy handles suitable for engraving. Nothing nicer for a useful Xmas gift. They are mounted in sterling silver or 14k roll plate. Handsome pearl, gunmetal and boxwood handles. $2 up to $10 each.

Here is an excellent chance to save from one to two dollars on your Xmas selections.

$4.50 qualities at $3.50—A very handsome Umbrella with silk and wool covers. Handles are finished with pearl and gold mountings. A splendid quality in tight rolling style.

$5 qualities at $4—Finest silk and wool covers; patent runner; steel rod; and handsome novel new designs in handles of gold or silver with pearl. A beautiful Xmas gift.

Men's dressing gowns House jackets and bath robes

Men appreciate such Xmas gifts

FINE assortments and Right House prices will be found uniformly low. To-morrow will be a field day of good values in this Xmas store for men.

Men's dressing gowns for Xmas

Direct from London they come. Large assortments in all the most comfortable and attractive style ideas. Newest heavy tweed effects; self-lined; corded edges and cuffs; girdle to match; black, grey and mixed effects. All sizes, $6.50, $7.50, $8.50, $9.50, $10.50, $11.50 to $15 each.

House and smoking coats for Xmas

Latest New York ideas and styles in handsome pure wool materials, rich greys and browns, trimmed at collar and cuffs with reverse side in overplaid design. Very comfortable and smart style. $6.50, $7.50, $8.50 to $12.50 each.

Comfortable, warm bath robes

Made of English Lamb's down wool materials in neat desirable and attractive small designs on blue, grey and brown grounds. A nice assortment for Xmas selections. $3.50, $3.75, $4, $5 and $6 each.

Men's tan cape English walking gloves

Correct shades; perfect in fit and style; one dome fastener. Neat good wearing sorts that will be appreciated for Xmas gifts. $1, $1.50 and $2 the pair.

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A GREAT DAY IN THE REVIVAL.

EAST END MOVEMENT STIRS UP A GREAT MANY PEOPLE.

Services Participated in by Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist Pastors—Bands Visit Y. M. C. A. and Zion Tabernacle.

A wonderful work is in progress in East Hamilton these days. Wonderful hardly expresses the immenseness of the movement, and which has been compared to a large snowball rolling downhill, growing larger as it goes. They are coming in by the scores, seeking Jesus Christ, and, needless to say, all who seek may find. On Saturday afternoon the workers held a meeting in Sherman Avenue Church to arrange ways and means of furthering God's work.

The ladies of the band provided refreshments, and the afternoon was spent enjoyably.

Evangelist McHardy, who is conducting revival services in Zion Tabernacle, was present, and spoke encouraging words to the young converts. Rev. J. Roy VanWyck, H. G. Livingston, and J. G. Brown also spoke, and Mr. Frank Coote gave a very strong address on tithing. The meeting broke up about 8 o'clock, the young men going from there to the Y. M. C. A., to take charge of the fellowship meeting. They talked with God there until midnight, praying for power to carry on the work which was appointed for them to do on Sunday.

Yesterday morning Evangelist Turk spoke in Sherman Avenue Presbyterian Church, to the largest congregation that has been seen in it at a morning service. He preached the straight Gospel, as he always does, and many a person went home with his words burned on their hearts.

Mme. Egbert sang "Mother's Boy" during the service. She is a beautiful Gospel singer, and will no doubt give valuable aid in the revival work this week.

Meanwhile the band of young men were preaching on the streets, and they arrived at the church about 12 o'clock. They assisted the service by their testimonies and prayers.

Again at 3 o'clock the band met at the E. E. Y. M. C. A., 65 strong, and marched to the Central Y. M. C. A. They did not start till 3.30, however, and the half hour was given to prayer and song. These young men are in earnest if ever young men were. They all wear the smile that won't come off, and do not look at all like long-faced, sorrowful men some people think they should be.

At 3.30 they started their march, singing and inviting people to the meeting, all the way along streets—no back streets, either. They do not do it to show off, but for God, and they are willing to do the work and let God have the glory.

The men's meeting in Association Hall was one of peculiar interest. Mr. Crooks and Fenton brothers took charge, conducting a prayer and testimony service, and making a strong appeal to the unconverted, some of whom responded, and went to the front seats, to be helped by the workers.

After supper at the Y. M. C. A. they had a short prayer meeting, and then, filled with the Holy Spirit, they marched to Zion Tabernacle, and there were the humble means of bringing many souls to Jesus Christ.

At the meeting in Barton Street Methodist Church last night, in charge of Evangelist Turk, 35 young men joined the Lord's army, and testified to their desires to serve Him in the future.

Before leaving Zion Tabernacle last night the leader of the East End band formed a band of young men in that church, who have vowed to work as their brothers of the east have already worked, so that the whole city may be aroused. The boys are hopeful for this, and already it is rumored that meetings will be held in the Drill Hall if arrangements can be made, as the present quarters are absolutely inadequate.

All this week the meetings will be held in the Barton Street Methodist Church, as they have already outgrown the capacity of the Y. M. C. A.

Hamilton Young Men Read The TIMES' Sporting Page Every Day, Because it Has All the News And is Always Reliable.

Y. M. C. A. SONG SERVICE.

The song service in Association Hall yesterday was largely attended, the Y. M. C. A. quartette and Madame Egbert contributing the special numbers. Madame Egbert is engaged for a week to assist with the revival services in the east, and her singing is a source of great pleasure, as well as profit to her hearers. Her first number last evening was the "Birthday of the King," and was especially well rendered. These song services are increasing in attendance and interest and make a happy conclusion to the Sabbath Day services.

N. Y. SKYSCRAPERS.

Can Build Up Into Cloudland if Desired.

New York, Dec. 2.—No limitation is to be placed on the height of New York's tall buildings of the future. Instead of being held to certain legal restrictions, the builder hereafter may build a skyscraper with as many storeys as he chooses, providing his structure is of such form as to guarantee a reasonable amount of light and ventilation to his neighbors on all sides.

This is the effect of an amendment to the New York building code, which will be ratified by the code revision committee at a meeting to-day and the entire report of the committee probably will be adopted by the board of aldermen within the coming week.

Several months ago, when the revision commission first took up the question of restricting the altitude of sky-scrapers there seemed to be a preponderance of argument in favor of limiting all future structures to about twenty storeys, and the problem provoked a great deal of comment both here and abroad.

COLORED PEOPLE.

Several London Hotels Refused to Entertain Them.

London, Nov. 30.—It was stated today that a large number of colored members of the Cole and Johnson Co., which is playing the Grand to-night, found it impossible to secure hotel accommodation in London, and were compelled to billet themselves in the houses of colored families all over the city. There are 50 or more in the company.

Two or three hotels agreed to accept the troupers as guests, but the other hostelries were "filled up" when the colored people hove in sight.

WATCHING A HOLE IN GROUND.

One of the Many Odd Occupations in Which Men Find Employment.

"Among the more odd of the city's many odd occupations," said a man who finds an interest in such things, "is that which consists in watching a hole in the ground, the hole being a cellar excavation in which it is intended later to lay the foundations of a building. Certainly an odd occupation this, and a curious thing about it is that it is followed only at night.

"You can see that the employment of such a watchman will prevent accidents. By day, when the digging is going on, there's always people around, but by night, when the hole is left alone, there must be somebody to look after it.

"The last thing the diggers do when they quit for the day is to stand up along the edge of the excavation, at the inner edge of the sidewalk a scattering row of empty barrels, on the tops of which they put a line of planks, on the tops of these planks, if perchance a load or two of rough foundation stone has already been delivered, they put some big rough chunks of stone to keep the planks down. And it is at this stage of the proceedings that the night watchman comes on duty.

"He surveys the hole silently, and then he lights his pipe and his lantern, and if there are red lights to be set up he lights them and puts them in place, and then he is ready to settle down for his night's work. If the builder has got a shanty on the ground he sits in the door of that and smokes; if no shanty, he may find a barrel to sit on, or he may stand and watch, or he may move slowly about.

"And there you'll find him, come along at whatever hour of the night you will. You may not see him at first as you draw near, but then you come upon him in the dark or emerging out of a shadow, or you may find him walking slowly; but in whatever manner you find him he never speaks, he is always silent.

"You may pass there night after night and come to know the watcher when you see him, but you never hear his voice. Dark and silent, the deep excavation may be, but equally silent and mysterious is the watcher as he appears to you in the dim light or disappears in the shadow; and so he keeps vigil nightly in what seems to me realy one of the oddest of all odd occupations, namely watching a hole in the ground."