

Sunday School Rallies Yesterday

Largest Attendance Yet Recorded at Services Held Yesterday — Inter-Church Greetings Exchanged — Message Read from King George — Banners Awarded to Schools Having Largest Number of Members Present.

The ninth annual Presbyterian Sunday School Rally took place at St. Andrew's church yesterday morning. The attendance at the service was the largest in the history of these meetings, and much interest was shown in the programme carried out. The six schools attending included Knox, St. Matthew's, St. Andrew's, St. David's, Congregational and Fairville, and the scholars assembled shortly after ten o'clock. At ten forty the children entered the church under the direction of J. H. Murphy.

The service throughout was bright and filled with inspiration. The singing, which was hearty, was led by an orchestra. Robert Reid, superintendent of St. David's Sunday school, was chairman of the meeting, performing his duties admirably. The ministers of the six schools represented were seated on the platform, and took some part in the service. Others occupying seats on the platform were Rev. David Lang, a former minister of St. Andrew's, and Rev. W. Farnerharson, D. D. Mayor Hayes, and other civic greetings and the national anthems were read by St. Michael's and Baptist rallies.

The roll call was responded to by each school, with the exception of Knox, repeating a Scripture selection, Knox school sang "Standing at the Portals of the Opening Year." Rev. H. L. Eisenb, of St. Matthew's gave a short and appropriate address which was listened to with earnest attention. The prize banner was awarded to the Congregational school by Rev. J. A. MacKeigan; St. Matthew's came second in attendance.

The closing hymn, "Lord of the Lands" was sung heartily by all present. The Port Chaplain Rev. W. Farnerharson, pronounced the benediction, after the closing Missal. Thanks were expressed for the use of the church and for the services of the orchestra.

The following are the greetings received from the Methodists and Baptists: St. John, Jan. 1, 1919. The Presbyterian Sunday School of the City of St. John, N. B. Assembled in our twelfth annual New Year's Rally, the Methodist Sunday schools of the city and county of St. John, send most cordial greetings.

We wish for you a prosperous year of Christian work. We earnestly hope that the Inter-Church Forward Movement will bind us closer together in all our Sunday school activities. Read Psalm 121. (Sgd.) JAMES E. ARTHURS, St. John, Jan. 1, 1920. The United Baptist Sunday schools of St. John and Fairville extend to you, the Presbyterian Rally, our cordial greetings and best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

May we all continue in good fellowship and in the extension of God's kingdom. In behalf of the Baptist Rally, J. A. BEYEA, Secretary. Methodists Twelve hundred and twenty Sunday School scholars and officers were present yesterday morning at the twelfth annual New Year's rally of the Methodist Sunday Schools. There were also one hundred visitors at the interesting service which was held at Centenary Church.



THE PRIMARY CAUSE

of most sickness is neglect of the liver. Constipation follows. The poisonous matter which should pass out of the body spreads through the system. That is the cause of sick headaches, sour stomach and biliousness and these troubles are sure indications that the liver needs attention.

MR. M. ROONEY, a well-known Halifax merchant, writes: "I am using Hawker's Liver Pills, and can recommend them as a sure cure for biliousness."

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Brookville, G. W. Brown, supt., Harold Adams, Jr., supt., Marsh Bridge, Wm Baxter, supt., B. L. Shephard, supt.

PLEA OF THE DEAD.

(By Rosalind A. Wade in N. Y. Herald.) In soil of France lies hallowed clay that months long past was laid away. And o'er the plains where it was found Red poppies spring from out the ground.

NORTHERN FRANCE EMERGING FROM WAR'S WRECKAGE

30,000 Plants, Employing 800,000 Men Were Razed by Gunfire, Looted or Badly Damaged.

Lille, Jan. 1.—Production has been resumed in about one-half the factories of Northern France, where the outbreak of the war paralyzed industry and where battles raged for four years. Of this number, however, about thirteen per cent. have been at work only a month. Figures, examined today by the correspondent of the Associated Press who is visiting the war zone under a special dispensation of the Government, showed that in this region 30,000 plants, employing 800,000 workers, were razed by gunfire, looted or badly disorganized.

Some Canadian Political Topics

Boston View of Premier Borden—How Sir Robert Looked Ahead—Nebulous Premier of Manitoba — Food Control in Canada Looks Good to U. S.

Sir Robert Borden's Decision. (Christian Science Monitor.) There can be no doubt as to the genuineness of the satisfaction with which Sir Robert Borden's decision to retain the premiership of Canada will be received throughout the Dominion. Sir Robert, who has been Premier continuously since 1911, is the only Prime Minister who held office during the entire period of the war. During all that time he has labored in behalf of his country, and during the war, in behalf of the Allies, as few men have. He has never spared himself. At all times his ideal was service, and wherever he saw an opportunity to serve, he seized it, no matter what sacrifice it might involve for himself. If any man, therefore, was entitled to relief from office for the purely personal reason which actuated Sir Robert in his decision, announced a few days ago, to resign, that man was undoubtedly Sir Robert Borden.

The Canadian Premier has, however, once again, put all personal considerations on one side, and, at the earnest solicitation of his friends and colleagues, has decided to remain in office. That the decision is as wise as it is generous cannot be doubted. When his colleagues represented to Sir Robert Borden, as, according to his published statement, they have been doing during the past few days, that his retirement at this juncture would be "highly prejudicial to the public interest" they were undoubtedly very justly estimating the situation. What Canada needs, above all else, at the present time, is that every citizen should be united in one great effort for the sake of the country, and that is unity. No man is more likely to bring unity to Canada than Sir Robert Borden. And he is able to do this largely by reason of his transparent disinterestedness. He has always sat loosely in office. All through the war, it may safely be said, he stood ready to surrender the premiership to anyone who would, in his opinion, unite the country more closely than he did.

Canada will not lightly forget how during the dark days of the latter part of 1917, when he was seeking, by every means in his power, to induce Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his party to join the cabinet, he had to play the part of a man who was not in the confidence of his own government, and his followers in one great united effort at government for the sake of Canada and the Allies, Sir Robert Borden offered to step down from the premiership himself if someone else could be found to whom all parties would rally.

Sir Robert Borden, moreover, showed himself to be something much more than a war Premier. Indeed, one of the characteristic features of his ministry, during the war, was the way in which he persistently looked ahead, and made provision for the steady development of the Dominion. His program issued before the last general election in 1917, although it placed the winning of the war and everything that might conduce to that result in the foremost place, nevertheless made provision for a remarkable series of domestic reforms, a number of which have been consummated. The reform of the civil service, the enfranchisement of women, a great move towards the settlement on a grand scale of the railway problems of the country, and strong measures to deal with profiteering are all forward movements which may be placed to the credit of the Canadian Premier and his colleagues.

With Sir Robert Borden still at the helm, there will be no interruption of this steady progressive policy. The whole incident of his contemplated resignation has served to bring out, as perhaps nothing else could, the appreciation of the country for why Sir Robert has done, and he will receive the work of government with very remarkable assurance of support, not only from his colleagues, but from the Canadian people as a whole.

Manitoba Talking Election.

(Montreal Gazette.) There are signs of preparation for an election campaign in Manitoba, where the Norris government, which came into power in 1915 when the Roblin administration collapsed from internal weakness, has sought to make its appeal to the people. The

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Food Control.

(London Free Press.) Canadians are wont to criticize their own Government, while giving praise to the acts of foreign administrations. This is not typical of Canadians only. It is a practice generally followed. Thus, when the high cost of living was being endured in its earlier stages and before we had become accustomed to the new scale of prices, there was a popular outcry in this country that the Government at Ottawa were allowing the profiteers to rob the people. Everybody believed it, and with universal sentiment looked upon the packer, the grocer, the butcher, baker and the whole company of business

men as wicked in the extreme and deserving to be clapped behind prison doors. Newspapers with a penchant for railing with the wind joined in the hue and cry against business. "Look at the way the United States handle their profiteers!" said these newspapers. Well, the storm has calmed somewhat. Most people know today that the trouble rests in a new plane of values, brought about by the abnormal shortage of food and materials of every kind. The Board of Commerce has reported that Canadian business men are not profiteers. After an exhaustive inquiry covering trade in all its branches, the board sums up its findings in these words:

"The board has found among retailers generally a wholesome desire to avoid even the appearance of overcharging." But things are not going equally well in the United States, despite the Government policies that once found so much applause here. Profiteering is still very much to the fore there, it would seem, especially when prices are compared. The people of that country look longingly to the relatively happy state of the Canadian people, and Senator Capper, of Kansas, has brought before Congress a proposal that the Canadian system of food control should be adopted at Washington.

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Realistic Memory.

Kritix—I don't quite make this painting of yours. What's the man holding in his hand a Bolshevik battle flag or a Navajo blanket?

Noodham the Artist—Neither. That's an impressionistic picture of a dollar bill. I painted it from memory, but that's the way they always look to me.—Honston Post.

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