

## URGENT COMMITTEES BE ORGANIZED FOR MISSIONARY WORK

Meeting In Connection With  
St. John District Methodist  
Church Last Evening—The  
Day Sessions.

The financial meeting of the St. John District Methodist churches was held yesterday in the Exmouth street church. Representatives were in attendance from the eight Methodist churches here and from the circuits of Courtney Bay, Sussex, Newtown, Apohaqui, Springfield, Hampton, St. Martins, Jerusalem, Velsford and Kingston. Rev. J. A. Rogers, D. D., of Sussex, presided, with Rev. Neil McLaughlin, secretary. The reports of the estimated receipts for the year as passed by the respective quarterly official boards were the first order of business.

At the afternoon session, the reports of the estimated receipts of the missions were completed and the usual grants recommended. Arrangements for Missionary Educational, Temperance and Moral Reform meetings throughout the districts were made. The state of the districts was considered and various suggestions offered for their improvement. Mr. J. N. Harvey urged increase in the income of the superannuated fund.

**Evening Meeting.**  
A meeting of the Laymen's Missionary Movement was held in Centenary church in the evening. The meeting was presided over by Rev. Dr. Rogers. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Dr. Flanders and Rev. Neil McLaughlin.

The first address was given by Judge Wilbur, American Consul at Halifax. He was accompanied by Mr. Moorehead, the newly appointed consul at St. John. Mr. Moorehead said that he was glad to be back in a country where such movements were being instituted. His sympathy was the same as his desire to become more closely identified with the work of raising money with all possible speed.

Mr. Harvey was the next speaker of the evening and gave an interesting address. Short addresses were also delivered by Rev. Thomas Marshall, of Sackville, Superintendent of Missions, and Rev. G. M. Campbell and Mr. J. Hunter White.

A resolution was adopted urging the pastors throughout the province to organize missionary committees immediately, and to push the work of raising money with all possible speed.

## ANNETT WON 2.24 TROT AT DELMORIMER

Special To The Standard.

Montreal, Aug. 25.—Nine heats were raced at Delmorimer Park this afternoon and only one winner was decided. That the winner was in the unfinished 2.20 pace of Tuesday which required only an additional heat, the Schenectady mare, Annett, winning the 2.24 trot in straight heats, but after coming first under the wire in the first two the horse took ill and had to be withdrawn. This left the race open and Prince Alceon and King Mac each a heat when the racing ended for the day. Five heats in the 2.14 failed to produce a winner. Tobin captured the second and third and looked like the winner of the race, when Raybette J., who broke badly in the early racing steadied down and came under the wire a length in front in the fourth and fifth.

Sir Alexander and Tobin collided with Billy Brino in the first heat of the race as Brino was cutting short across the field on a turn, but no one was hurt in the mixup. The results were:

**2.14 Pace.**  
Purse \$500.  
Tobin, H. F. Pierce, Standard, 6 1 1 2 2  
Raybette J., J. Stronider, 3 7 7 1 1  
Dot L. W. Hodson, Montreal, 2 3 3 4 4  
Gracie, Pointier, P. Burke, 1 5 2 7 5  
North Bay, 1 5 2 7 5  
Billy Brino, Brossard Bros., 2 4 8 3  
Sir Alexander, W. F. Wood, 5 4 4 7  
Royal-Lance, Mitchell and Adams, Halifax, 4 6 6 5 6  
Black Bill, C. L. Tressler, 7 8 8 5  
Ottawa, 2.15 1/2, 2.13 1/2, 2.13 1/2, 2.13 1/2, 2.16 1/2.

**2.24 Trot.**  
Purse \$500.  
Prince Alceon, G. Gregory, Schenectady, N. Y., 2 3 1 4  
King Rae, F. R. McBride, Toronto, 4 2 3 1  
Oriva, R. F. McKie, Richmond, 3 6 2 2  
Gertie P., R. Polvin, Montreal, 5 4 4 3  
Babine, Vermont Stock Farm, Shelburne, Vt., 6 5 7 5  
The Surreys, 1 1 1 1  
Adams, Halifax, 2.21 1/2, 2.25 1/2, 2.25 1/2.  
Unfinished 2.20 Pace of Tuesday.  
Purse \$500.  
Annette, G. Gregory Schenectady, 2 3 1 4  
Lady Simon, R. Polvin, Montreal, second.  
Molliton, Leach Stream Farm, Canaan, N. Y., third.  
Rouses Point Boy, J. E. Tourville, Rouses Point, fourth.

**DEATHS.**

Miss Dorthia Megaw.

The death of Miss Dorthia Megaw occurred on Tuesday at the residence of Mr. Jonas Howe, 416 Union street. Miss Megaw's father emigrated to this province from County Monaghan, Ireland, in 1833, and settled at Petersville. There were no roads and Miss Megaw, who was three years old, was carried twenty miles through the woods on the back of her elder brother. She was the last survivor of the family of ten. Three years ago Mrs. Jonas Howe, a niece, brought her to the city and she has since resided with her. There are two nephews in the North End, Charles Megaw and Archibald Megaw. A short service was

## RECEIVED MANY FLORAL TRIBUTES FOR DECORATION DAY

Final Arrangements Made Last  
Evening For Pythians' Annual  
Ceremony—The Route  
And Order Of Service.

About 200 members of the Knights of Pythias were instructed in drill last night by Capt. Frank Potts of Cygnat Co., in preparation for the memorial day march and service to be held today. Lt. Col. A. L. Hodge, of the Uniformed Services of America, was the drill instructor.

During the drill some of the lady friends of the organization, about fifty in number, arranged the beautiful supply of flowers with which the graves of the departed members will be decorated. One thousand bunches of flowers had been received up to 9 o'clock last night and half as many more are expected before the parade starts.

The quantity of flowers received so far is in excess of last year. Twelve members of the Westernmost Lodge No. 2, each sent in a bouquet of flowers for which much appreciation was expressed at last night's meeting.

**The Order of March.**

About 400 knights from New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1; Union Lodge, No. 2, and St. John Lodge, No. 30, together with Victoria Company, No. 1 and Cygnat Company, No. 5, Uniform Rank will assemble at their hall, Germain street, at 2 o'clock today and headed by the band of the 3rd Regiment, C. A. will march along Germain and up Princess to Charlotte, where they will be met by the two bands of the 3rd Regiment, C. A. will march along Charlotte to Union and out Waterloo streets. A brief stop will be made at the Church of England, where the usual service will be carried out, and the dedication of the new K. of P. lot.

**The Service.**

The service for the decoration of graves will be as follows:  
Hymn (with band accompaniment)  
Scripture Reading—Past Chancellor E. E. Thomas.  
Address—Col. James Moulson.  
Hymn (band accompaniment)—For Ever With The Lord.  
Prayer—Kulthi J. L. Thorne.  
The knights will then march over to the new plot and surround it in the form of a triangle. The hymn, "Swear My God to Thee," will be sung after which there will be a prayer and the address of dedication will be delivered by Past Chancellor F. A. Kinnear.

## TEACHERS GRANTS HAVE NOT BEEN UNDULY DELAYED

Superintendent Carter Says  
Last Checks Are Being  
Signed By Provincial Auditor—Alphabetical Order.

Mr. W. S. Carter was seen yesterday and asked about the complaint that the payment of the Government grant to teachers had been delayed.

Mr. Carter said that the work of his department in connection with these payments was completed, but when he left Fredericton the Provincial auditor had not finished signing the checks for the last counties on the list.

The statement is attributed to one of the most prominent teachers in the city that for the last fifteen years the teachers had always received their grants August 10. Sometimes they were paid as early as that, Mr. Carter said, sometimes was later. The grant was not paid until August 31 to complete the work, and it would be done before that time this year.

As to the complaint the St. John teachers were not paid so soon as others, Mr. Carter said that the counties were usually taken up in alphabetical order, which placed St. John toward the end of the list, and Albert was the last. He said he was sure that he would continue this method, but it was the custom he found.

The Education Department has to complete the work connected with the teachers' examinations before taking up the teachers' accounts. This first mentioned task, Mr. Carter said, was a little delayed this year by the delay of some of the examinations in sending in their reports.

Under the present Audit Act the Provincial Auditor had to sign all checks. It may have been different formerly, but Mr. Carter could not state exactly what the method of audit used to be. He knew, however, that the checks for teachers' allowance had been all prepared and given to the auditor, and if they were not now in the hands of the teachers they would reach them within the time required by the regulations.

held at Mr. Stanley W. Lewis, occurred yesterday at the residence of his uncle, Mr. Wentworth Lewis, at Weymouth, N. S. Mr. Lewis, who was 21 years of age, was collector in the Royal Bank of Canada, King street, and about eight months ago was given leave of absence on the ground of ill health. After a visit in the country he went to his uncle's at Weymouth, and seemed much improved. Soon after his arrival a hemorrhage set in, and he became rapidly worse. His parents were sent for and were present when the end came yesterday. Mr. Lewis was much liked among his associates and much sympathy will be extended to the family in their bereavement.

Besides his parents he is survived by his grandfather, Ald. William Lewis, a brother, Wentworth, and a sister, Mary. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

**More Argument.**

Some argument took place between counsel for the defendant and the court yesterday afternoon in the case of George Mirisiss, charged with selling obscene literature, was discharged yesterday afternoon in the county court, His Honor Judge Forbes charged the result as a miscarriage of justice. In the morning besides the police evidence Walter H. Golding, manager of the Nickel Theatre, testified that defendant threatened to "roast" the door keeper in Free Speech. A feature of the afternoon session was the production of a specimen of defendant's handwriting, he having previously sworn he could not write English.

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## JURY DISAGREED; DEFENDOR OF "FREE SPEECH" WILL HAVE TO STAND NEW TRIAL THIS AFTERNOON

Case Against Mirisiss the Greek Before Judge Forbes in County Court Yesterday—Result Characterized by His Honor as Miscarriage of Justice—Witnesses Testified to Items Regarding Nickel Staff Being Suppressed by Defendant—Jury Stood Six to Six.

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Q—Who wrote it?  
Ans.—Roy wrote it.  
Q—Roy? Who is Roy?  
Ans.—Mysterious Roy.

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Q—Who did this "Roy" write to?  
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**Money to McDougall.**  
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Q—Did you see McDougall at Moncton?  
Ans.—Yes.

Q—Did you ever read the Free Speech?  
Ans.—No.

Q—Did any one read it to you?  
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Ans.—Mr. Thomas Klickham.

Witness said Lucas read two paragraphs. Q—Did he mention the word "obscene"?  
Ans.—No.

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Ans.—No, I said I don't know anything about it.

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have been told that he was committing a wrong.

Counsel claimed that the police were derelict in their duty by not stopping the paper long before. He termed Free Speech a libel and a filthy sheet which attacked the respectability of the community. He criticized those behind the prosecution for their method of collecting evidence, and was glad, he said, that the Attorney General, who was an honorable man, was not a party to the practices used.

Mr. Mullin claimed that the paragraphs were not obscene. As to whether or not the defendant knew that the paper contained immoral matter, he did not think he did.

Counsel then reviewed the evidence and in conclusion, asked that the benefit of the doubt be given Mirisiss and a verdict of acquittal rendered.

**For The Crown.**  
Attorney General Hazen in his address for the Crown, dwelt upon every phase of the case. After reciting the facts, he asked the jury to disregard the plea of sympathy. It was, he said, the duty of a citizen to observe his solemn oath and give a true verdict according to the evidence. "If," he continued, "we simply acted from motives of sympathy and neglected our duty, a concession to lawlessness would prevail in this community."

"In this case the defendant assisted in the circulation of a vile sheet, Free Speech. If it was issued with the reputation of your virtuous wives and daughters would not be safe from blackguardly attacks."

The attorney praised the police for the manner in which they handled the case.

Continuing, he said the law of the country was designed to protect, not only a man's property or person, but also his reputation. A tale bearer was as bad as a tale maker, said the attorney.

Referring to Mr. Mullin's plea for mercy because he was a foreigner, Mr. Hazen said that Canada welcomed foreigners to her shores, but liberty must not be allowed to degenerate into license. They must obey the law.

After fully reviewing the evidence Mr. Hazen concluded by urging the jury, from the standpoint of justice to consider carefully the evidence and render a verdict of guilty.

**The Judge's Charge.**  
His Honor then briefly charged the jury. After complimenting both counsel for their able addresses and reading the indictment, he briefly reviewed the evidence. He warned the jury to disregard the plea of sympathy and the observation that the prisoner was a foreigner. A foreigner, he said, was as much amenable to the law as he, the judge, was himself.

Regarding the plea of ignorance His Honor said that the rule laid down in the code "ignorance of the law is no excuse" prevailed. He complimented the police force and announced that Officer Lucas for the way he handled the case.

In conclusion His Honor said he believed that the Greeks' story was the St. John headquarters for the vile sheet.

**Jury Disagree.**  
At five o'clock the jury retired and after being out for fifty-five minutes returned and announced a disagreement. They were adjourned.

Mr. Fred Law, the foreman, announced that they could not possibly agree.

The judge in discharging the jury said that it was a miscarriage of justice on their part.

The prisoner was remanded to jail without bail and will be retried this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

Nicholas Aliotis was allowed out on bail.

**More Counsel for McDougall.**  
Mr. A. J. B. Mellish, barrister of Charlottetown, P. E. Island, has been retained to take up the defence side of C. B. McDougall, Montreal, with Mr. J. B. Sherrin, Montreal, as an expert criminal lawyer, and has been heard in St. John criminal cases before.

**AT THE HOTELS**

**Royal.**  
D. A. Morrison, Amherst; Alan Z. Bird, Henry B. Bird, L. Mortimer, Rockland, Me.; L. Mortimer, Rockland, Me.; S. G. Nue, Montreal; G. K. Stratton, Boston; James K. Pinckham, New York; R. N. Wines, Bangor; A. McLean, W. P. Oak, Toronto; A. McArthur, Boston; A. S. Vane, Moncton; Henry T. Burrell, Boston; D. L. Wilbur, Halifax; Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Hanson, A.