

Says Canada Has Found Her Soul

Churches Hold Services of Prayer, and Ministers Discuss Problem of Saving Immigrants — Large Congregations Present

Large congregations attended the services of the Week of Prayer arranged by the Evangelical Alliance. Meetings of the Church societies have been postponed for this week so that all church members may be present at the prayer services.

At St. Mary's Church, last evening, the rector, Rev. R. Taylor McKim, conducted the service. Rev. George P. Dawson read the Scripture, and prayer was offered by Rev. P. J. M. Appelman, Rev. W. Brooks, and several laymen. J. M. Rodgers sang "Canada," as a solo. The offering was given for the Evangelical Alliance, and an address on the topic of the day, "The Work of the Church," was given by Rev. A. Lawrence Tedford, who pointed out the need of more religion in all educational institutions. He showed that Canada would soon be faced with a multitude of immigrants from Europe and that the Church of Jesus Christ must be ready to meet these people, and teach them the Gospel.

Central Baptist.

There was a good attendance at the Central Baptist church, where the service was conducted by the Rev. F. S. Dowling, and the address given by Rev. J. H. Jenner. Rev. J. C. Berrie was the prayer.

Rev. J. H. Jenner opened his address by quoting from the manifesto issued by the leader of the National Temperance Cause. Forward Movement, Chicago, Canada. "The great strain of war has found its outlet in the liquor traffic."

With this as an illustration, the preacher showed that Canada was in a sense still a neutral nation in the war, but that never was before. The electric current of materialism has fused all the elements into one. The nine provinces of the north in a sense have been welded into a nation with a common consciousness and a national vision. The price of the war was paid in sacrifice and service, but the cost was worth it. The price of the war in Canada is referring to the thousands of immigrants who will come to this country.

Mr. Jenner asked what agencies

in force to mould these strangers into citizenship. He illustrated this by telling how cloth was made of various materials, and pointed out that there are four agencies for making good Canadians of foreigners: The public schools, the public press, the agitators, and the Church; and of all these the Church has the greatest influence and exerts all others. It is not a new message, not new methods of new theology which is needed but rather the old spirit of Christ and the new vision of the task the Lord set us.

Portland Street Methodist.
At Portland Street Methodist Church the pastor, Rev. Nell McLaughlin, led the service, prayer being offered by Rev. Dr. David Hutchins on, Rev. Dr. G. D. Hudson, Rev. M. Wright, and Rev. J. Chas. H. Appel. The address was delivered by Rev. H. P. McKim. The church was filled, it being necessary to bring in chairs to accommodate the large congregation. Music was supplied by the choir of the church.

First Presbyterian.

The Carleton Branch of the Bible Society held their 64th annual meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, West St. John, last evening. Mr. Harding presided at the services. An excellent report of the year's work was submitted by Enoch Thompson, Principal of La Tour School, and to twenty-two conservative years secretary-treasurer of the West Side Bible Society. The report was of a most encouraging character, showing the largest contribution for any year in this branch, the total being in excess of \$825. Two addresses were delivered during the evening, by the Rev.

Secretary, Rev. F. S. Porter, and by Rev. Jacob Heaney, of the Capital Methodist Church. Rev. Mr. Heaney dwelt upon the far-reaching influence of the Bible in our National life and emphasized the great work of the British and Foreign Bible Society, which is the medium of the Bible circulation among all nations.

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