

The Evangelists

At Gower Street Church.

The two weeks' services in the city, so faithfully and earnestly conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Demarest, came to a close last night, and though they may never come back to Newfoundland again, the inspiring and eloquent message of cheer and salvation will linger in the memories of those who were privileged to hear the gifted speakers until life's latest hour. It will be impossible to know all the innumerable good done, because scores that never went to the communion rail, made the quiet, firm resolution to let God rule their lives, and trust in the strength He will by His grace and Divine assistance afford them to endure temptation, and enable them to fight the good fight. As the greatest number had requested by the slips sent in that "The Prodigal Son" should be the subject, Mrs. Demarest read that parable of parables recorded in St. Luke's Gospel, 15th chapter, commencing on the father's hope centred in the two sons, anxious that they should do well, working with them, that what accumulated should be theirs when he was gone; when unexpectedly the youngest son demands the share that will come to him. Realizing his independence, that he could do as he liked, without any thought of the aged father, he says hand over what is mine. How cruel and selfish but many have done that and broken a father's heart. God lets every person go their own way; if He did not, man would be only a machine, and and if a father and mother suffers, God suffers more. And so off goes the proud young man, proud of his powers of mind and body; proud of his possessions, the cattle and sheep and servants. To whom did he owe all this? His father. To what do we owe all our gifts of mind, strength of body, etc? The infinite mercy of our Heavenly Father. Think of our responsibility—we are answerable to God for all our talents. The young man went on in his career. Oh, yes, he had a good time, indulging in every pleasure, gratifying all his passions; wasting his substance in riotous living; seeking company with the vicious; sinking lower and lower down until he reaches the bottom of degradation—feeding swine. What a change from the company of the well ladies and gentlemen to pigs; and the speaker said, if I were a respectable pig I would consider myself insulted to be classed with some men and women who do such awful, unquestionable things as some men and women have done. We shudder!

Solid as the Continent.

JUSTLY DESCRIBES THE POSITION OF THE NORTH AMERICAN LIFE.

Taking as we may the Annual Report of an institution as large and important as the North American Life as a gauge of financial conditions, we have reason to view with optimism the outlook for the future. In every important feature of the business marked increases were made. After pointing out the great strides in business written, the President, Mr. L. Goldman, at the recent annual meeting of Directors and policyholders referred with just pride to the Company's assets now amounting to \$18,869,550.26. After liabilities have been fully provided for there is a substantial net surplus of \$2,694,338.13 establishing beyond doubt the unexcelled financial position of the Company. Policies issued and revived during the year amounted to \$22,199,547.00, which sum is over \$3,600,000.00 in excess of the previous year's business. The total assurance now in force amounts to \$34,597,490.00, the highest mark reached in the Company's history.

The management of the Company bend every effort towards advancing the interests of the Policyholders. During 1919 over \$2,299,000.00 was paid to Policyholders. Of this amount \$378,265.18 represented Dividends and at the same time the company announces that the Dividends payable in 1920 will be on the same liberal basis. It is to be noted that during the past ten years this Com-

pany has paid the sum of \$2,282,979.97 as Dividends or Surplus to Policyholders. A survey of the 39th Annual Report must renew the sense of pride and security which every North American Life Policyholder enjoys.

Prospero Had Hard Time.

Was Gone 50 Days—Frozen in Ice of Seven Feet Thickness and Three Miles in Extent.

S. S. Prospero, Capt. John Felid, after a trip of 50 days, the longest on record, returned to port yesterday. This trip was a terribly hard one and the ice conditions with which she had to contend were such as none of the passengers or crew had ever known. Getting jammed in a sheet of ice which was seven feet thick and three miles in extent, she was forced to lay helpless for some weeks. After drifting with the sheet for this long period she eventually got clear and reached Twillingate, where the Sagona, which was sent north to her help, supplied her with coal. From there she sailed down the coast, the ice having by then moved off. Some 25 passengers, all of them extremely weary, but none the worse, came by her.

Express Train Arrives.

An express train, with mails and passengers, reached the city at 5.30 this morning. Four freight trains were coming after her. The branch lines, excepting to Bay de Verde and Trepassay, are all working.

The Week's Calendar.

FEBRUARY—2nd Month—29 Days.
23.—MONDAY. S.S. Hawk arrived St. John's, 1866. Battle of Mukden (Russo-Japanese War), began 1905.

24.—TUESDAY. St. Matthias, Apostle and Martyr. Governor Pickmore died, St. John's, 1918. Gen. Maude captured Kut-el-Amara, 1917.

25.—WEDNESDAY. Sir Christopher Wren died, 1793. St. Andrew's Society instituted, 1837. Right Hon. Sir Robert Bond born, 1857. German retreat on the Ancre, 1917.

26.—THURSDAY—Moon in first quarter. Loss of trooper B. Kenhead, 1852. S.S. Minard, first arrived, 1867. Star of the Sea Society parade, 1872.

27.—FRIDAY. First sealing steamer Bloodhound, arrived St. John's, 1863. Battle of Majuba Hill, 1881. Trinity Bay disaster—54 men driven off to sea, 1897. Surrender of Cronje, (Paardeburg), 1900.

28.—SATURDAY. Order of Knights of St. Patrick instituted, 1783. Star of the Sea Society instituted in Fishermen's Hall, 1871. Reid Railway Bill introduced in House of Assembly, 1898. Relief of Ladysmith (South African War) 1900. Battle of Gommecourt, 1917.

29.—SUNDAY. 2nd in Lent. Battle of Adowa (Soudanese Campaign) 1896.



THE BOY AND I.

He wonders what it's all about! The clang of heavy steel on steel, The grinding of the wagon wheel, The smoke from chimneys pouring out, The sound of feet as men go by— And very often, so do I.

He looks upon the world and sees Frail women over tired by care, And haste and hurry everywhere, And tries to solve these mysteries, Why did men live and young men die— And very often, so do I.

He is so very young that he knows nothing yet of caste or creed, Or any difference of breed; From prejudices he's wholly free, He hears men sneer, and wonders why— And very often, so do I.

He'll talk with diggers in a ditch And never see the grime and dirt, Or ragged clothes and tattered shirt, As glad with them as with the rich, Yet wonders at proud heads held high— And very often, so do I.

He wonders what it's all about! The clamor and the clang of strife, And all the changing scenes of life, The lights turned on and light's turned out, Why some men smile and others sigh— And very often, so do I.

Inter-Collegiate Hockey.

The first of the inter-collegiate hockey games will be played to-morrow morning by the Methodist and Felid teams, and a good contest is expected, as both have been hard at practice for some time. St. Bon's and Felidians will play on Thursday, and the Methodists and St. Bon's on Saturday next.

To-Night's Performance Postponed.

Owing to the indisposition of Mrs. Herbert Outerbridge and Miss Mary Ryan, to-night's presentation of "The Wrong Mr. Wright" has been postponed. Those having tickets for to-night's performance will be notified through the press as to when their tickets may be used.

S. S. Meigle arrived in port yesterday from Louisburg bringing a large freight and a number of passengers.

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B. I. S. Meeting.

At the adjourned annual meeting of the B. I. S. yesterday morning, the President, Mr. W. J. Higgins, K.C., in the chair, the nomination of the Literary Amusement Committee took place as follows: Messrs. J. Bert Channing, E. J. Merner, J. Ryan, Jr., T. J. Barron, W. Grace, D. J. Merner, D. French, P. F. Moore, J. R. MacDonnell, Jas. J. Spratt, C. McKay, J. Fennessey, W. Harris, T. P. Halley, M. Savage, J. Rawlins, P. K. Devine, T. Kent, W. Phalen, W. Hearn, W. F. Kelly, J. Slatery, Jr., P. Walsh, J. Burton, P. Donnelly, J. Moore, J. T. Meaney, P. J. Shea, Dr. Power and C. Grace. Of this number fifteen to form the committee will be selected at the meeting on Thursday night at 8.30. Arrangements as to the annual parade on St. Patrick's Day were also discussed. The Society will attend Mass at St. Patrick's and pay the customary visit to His Excellency the Governor and His Grace the Archbishop. The panegyric will probably be delivered by one of the priests now visiting here from the States.

Digby's Passengers.

The S. S. Digby, Capt. Chambers, D.S.C., arrived from Liverpool yesterday after a very good run of 8 1/2 days bringing the following passengers: Lieut. R. E. Evans, Mrs. A. E. Ferguson, Jas. Goudie, A. H. Greaves, A. Hunter, Mrs. H. A. Colmore, Jones, P. C. Mars, Capt. F. W. Marshall, M.B.E., J. R. Oliver, Mrs. M. E. Peel, Miss M. Poreons, W. A. Pygas, Master J. G. Pygas, Nurse A. T. R. Tessier, Mr. Tippen and Nurse E. Tremillis.

Sagona's Passengers.

The S. S. Sagona arrived at 2 p.m. yesterday with the following passengers: F. F. Lockyer, Capt. E. Bishop, Capt. W. Winsor, R. Winsor, A. Noseworthy, E. Roberts, Jacob Bishop, K. Stockley, Job Carter, Ches. Mallowney, H. Sheppard, E. Blandford and one in steerage.

To-Night's Llewellyn Discussion.

Rev. Dr. Jones will continue his address on the parables at to-night's meeting of the Llewellyn conference in Canon Wood Hall. In addition he will speak on the recent "dope" case as before the court of public opinion. All men are cordially invited.

Stafford's Liniment for Neuralgia, Lumbago, Rheumatism and all kinds of Aches and Pains. Price 20c. bot. For sale everywhere.—Feb 23.

CONGOLEUM REMNANTS!

We have received another shipment of 36 x 36 Congoleum Remnants, in a splendid assortment of patterns.

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Shipping Notes.

S. S. Sagona arrived yesterday from the north, having been to the relief of the S. S. Prospero.

S. S. Viking goes to Sydney about Wednesday to get bunker coal for the seal fishery.

Schooner Marjorie McGlashen arrived in port yesterday from across.

Personal Mention.

Mr. James MacDonnell, M.H.A. for the district of St. George's, left by Kyle yesterday morning for Port au Basques, where he will entrain for home on a brief visit.

Messrs. Joseph and Frederick Moore, who left town some weeks ago on a visit to Canadian cities in the West, were both taken down with "flu" at Toronto and spent a period of ten days in hospital there.

Mr. J. D. Henry, manager of the Parsons' Pond oil fields, who arrived Saturday by the Sachem, was too ill to come ashore. He was feeling the strain of his eight weeks' journey from the North-West coast, but it is hoped that under the care of Dr. Ryan he will be sufficiently well to leave by the Sachem for Liverpool. Thence he goes to Egypt, to the oil fields. Howard Verge, one of the General Oilfield drillers, accompanies him. The remainder of the staff will be taken off at London. Despite the delay, Mr. Henry hope to be able to return here shortly after navigation opens.

May Open in March.

The Legislature, it is said, may be called together some time next month whether or not Hon. Mr. Coaker has returned from Europe.

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By Gene Byrnes

