

METHODIST WOMEN IN ANNUAL MEETING Arranging for missionary activities during the year - New officers.

The twenty-first annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist church was held yesterday afternoon and evening in the Exmouth Methodist church. The president, Mrs. Geo. Steel, occupied the chair and opened the meeting with a few remarks. Mrs. Westmorland gave a Bible reading and papers were read by Mrs. Hickson, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Sanford. Music was also supplied by two quartettes. Tea was served in the schoolroom and in the evening another programme was carried out. Exercises were given by the Portland Street Mission Circle. Mrs. Bayard Stillwell sang a solo and Mrs. Walter Small, returned missionary from China, gave an address on the mission work. Mrs. Sanford again spoke at this session. The following officers were elected for the year: President, Mrs. Jas. Myles; vice-president, Mrs. Gilbert Earle; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Hammond Johnson. Mrs. Bonnell was convener of the tea and was assisted by the ladies of the church in serving.

FROM THE TRENCHES.

A letter from Bugler Edward F. Swift, with the 26th Battalion tells of a brush with the Germans in which there were a few Canadian boys killed. He says the Germans suffered much more serious losses than our boys and that the sacrifice of lives was not in vain. He has received tobacco sent him and says smoking is one of the things that make life worth while in the trenches.

BE JOURNEY LONG OR SHORT BRITAIN SHALL NOT FALTER

Continued from page 1. Dealing with the armies, he said to praise the armies which Lord Kitchener's genius has raised from the country was superfluous. What they had done was but a small earnest of what they would. He declined to appear in the character of a prophet, but wished to point out one or two facts on which prophecies might be based. No historian in the future might say that there was a moment when the calculations of the central powers were near realization. Their campaign the first spring, which might have been fatal, was foiled; it was many months since any success could be claimed by the Germans on the western front, and it was two months since there had been any advance in Russia. The pause in the war meant that the tide of the enemy successes had reached its limits, and what they had to look forward to was the ebb-slow or fast-but ebb, all the same. One great success the central powers might claim, said Mr. Balfour, but it was not a military success; it was a diplomatic success. Undoubtedly the betrayal by Bulgaria of all her traditions, under the leadership of the King, was a triumph for German diplomacy, and had important military consequences - consequences which he would be the last to minimize. The rulers of Bulgaria, he declared, were animated by two simple motives - greed and fear, and when they were dealing with rulers of a certain type greed and fear were great and powerful motives. He believed that no diplomacy on the part of the Allies would be sufficient to outweigh the simple fact that the rulers of Bulgaria thought that Austria and Germany were the winning powers. The influences which

exalted the Bulgarians, he asserted, would prove to be profound miscalculations, but the Allies must remember that it was "deliberate miscalculation."

Many things had weighed with them but they misunderstood the power, resolution and will of the Allies, with whom they had to deal. England, in some part, was to blame for this.

He was not one of those who thought the country was unpatriotic. He would go further, and say that no press with the freedom the English possessed a larger sense of its responsibilities. But there were some sections of the press which forgot that the articles written by them were read far beyond the limits of these islands. They might be interpreted or misinterpreted by people who knew nothing of the British aims, habits, thoughts, or the ways this country had of treating great national emergencies.

"We always take a gloomy joy in self-deprecation," said Mr. Balfour. "This is no new phenomenon. We should find it in every page of every great crisis in our history. Criticism is a good thing in its way, but criticism, however well intentioned, is apt to be grossly misunderstood."

He had not the slightest objection to domestic criticism, so long as it was confined to domestic affairs, but when it amounted to misuse of the press it might be positively dangerous and add to the strength of the enemies, whom, notwithstanding victories, they would have hard work to overcome. They, however, would be overcome.

Mr. Balfour could not say whether the war would be long or short; he could not tell whether it was going to be decided in the east, the west or the south; he would make no forecast of military and naval operations.

"But," he said, "when I look at the forces to which the Allies are opposed and the cause for which the Allies are fighting - their strength growing every day; when I observe the strain put upon the enemies growing, in like manner, until it seems as if we are already in sight of the time when the strain will become intolerable, then, without venturing upon a dogmatic prophecy, I look forward, with serene confidence, to the noble self-sacrifices of those two great services of which I speak finding their immortal reward."

Premier Asquith

Premier Asquith, after the usual compliments to the Mayor, recalled that this was the eighth year in which he had appeared as Prime Minister at the Guild Hall.

"In that long term of years," he said, "there have been occasions when we found ourselves rent by domestic controversy. I look forward, with serene confidence, to the noble self-sacrifices of those two great services of which I speak finding their immortal reward."

"Since I last spoke in the Guild Hall, the whole face of the world has changed. We have brought together the scattered threads of our varied activities; we have woven them into a single web. A year ago we were confronted, as a people, by a great and searching test. We chose the harder, and I believe the better, course. We had no doubt then, and we have no doubt now, we are right and that we are sure to win."

Referring to the seizure of the Globe newspaper by the authorities, the premier said:

"At a critical moment we found a journal which thought fit to circulate a malignant and malicious lie. To talk of the freedom of the press in such connection is to be guilty of a travesty of the noble watchword. The press of this country, with two or three notorious, but negligible, exceptions, has shown a fine example and the government has valued its co-operation."

The government, said the premier, was anxious to introduce into the censorship such modifications as experience might suggest, but an important incident occurred, Lord Kitchener, secretary of war, at the request of his colleagues, had gone to Paris and had had fruitful conversations with the premier and war minister there. "He has gone thence, I hope, for a

EARLE'S FOURTH BRIDE



Mrs. Ferdinand Prince Earle

Ferdinand Prince Earle, the man who made the word "affinity" famous, has again promised to forever love, honor and cherish a wife, as set forth in the conventional marriage ritual. His latest bride, whose picture is shown above, is the fourth in the course of two years. She was Miss Charlotte Herman, of Rutherford, N. J., who has been his companion through many vicissitudes, including stays in Dutch and French prisons, since 1913. The marriage ceremony was performed on the evening of October 7, at Oceanic, N. J., where Mr. and Mrs. Earle are now living with their daughter, ten months old.

short time only," continued the premier, "to survey at close quarters the situation in the near east. He takes with him the complete confidence of his colleagues and countrymen. He takes with him the authority of a great soldier and administrator with an unrivalled knowledge of the near east. I have every reason to know that his mission is regarded with unqualified approval and warm sympathy by our allies."

Determined To Secure For Serbia The Future Her Sacrifices Deserve

Mr. Asquith said that all the Allies had resolved to secure for Serbia the future her sacrifices so well deserved. He spoke of "the skill and courage with which the army of Italy, under the eyes of its gallant King, is pushing back the Austrians step by step, and every week is nearing its goal, and concluded:

"The journey long or short, we shall not falter, nor pause until we have secured for the smaller states of Europe their charter of independence, and for Europe itself its final emancipation from a reign of force."

Baron Reading, lord chief justice, replying for the judges, said that while in America, Joseph H. Choate, "that distinguished and famous American," had declared that, whatever the government might be, he was not neutral, and that out of the one hundred million people of the United States, ninety million were for the Allies "heart and soul."

Sir Frederick E. Smith, the attorney-general, who also spoke, said there were legal contentions in the mercantile note with which many British lawyers professedly disagreed, and to which, he hoped, they were capable of making good their objections. The bar of England must play its part when the reply was made.

LOCAL BOWLING

In a closely contested game in the City League on Black's alleys last night the C. P. L. team captured three points from the Sweeps. The scores follow:

Table with columns for names and scores. Sweepers: Foshay 89 91 99 279 93; McIlveen 89 86 115 300 100; Jenkins 84 98 98 300 100; Ferguson 89 95 292 97 13; Harrison 84 92 80 266 88 23. C. P. L.: 474 476 487 1437. Sweepers: Cleary 88 115 98 305 101 23; MacLaren 100 95 100 296 98 23; McDonald 90 98 121 324 108 3.

Advertisement for PEG TOP cigars. Features an illustration of a cigar with the brand name 'PEG TOP' written on it. Text includes 'THE PEG PRINTED "/>

Interesting Contest For Boys and Girls

Special Sewing Contest

In Aid of the Red Cross Society (St. John Branch). This week I am letting you have a special sewing contest, and I want you all to enter for the prize, as the work you send in will be given to the above society, and the poor wounded soldiers will be greatly comforted by your efforts. Here are the particulars: Make a face cloth measuring ten inches by ten inches, using three-ply of ordinary cheese cloth, hand stitched across from corner to corner, and round the edges. Then pin the above coupon to same and forward not later than Wednesday, November 17th, 1915, to:

UNCLE DICK, THE STANDARD, ST. JOHN, N. B.

This contest is open to both girls and boys, as I want you to make as many face cloths as possible, knowing that they are to be used for the wounded soldiers. To the girl or boy who makes the best two and most I shall award a Beautiful Watch and nice Story Book.

Form for Standard Competition. Fields include: Full Name, Address, Age Last Birthday.

"Names Wanted" Contest

How many correct names of boys and girls can you write out, which begin with the letter "D," such as "Douglas," "Dorothy" or "David"? Write out as many of these names on a piece of paper, using only one side, fill in the following coupon, and send in to:

UNCLE DICK, THE STANDARD, ST. JOHN, N. B.

not later than Wednesday, November 10th. Any girl or boy not older than fifteen last birthday, may compete. To the one who sends in the greatest number of proper names, I shall award a Beautiful Watch, or other article of similar value.

Bringing Up Father

Comic strip 'Bringing Up Father' by Bud Fisher. Panels show a father and son talking. The father says 'I've invited the Smiths over to see us three times and they've never shown up - I've decided to call on them.' The son replies 'All right.' The father says 'You know they are very swell and we must get in with them at all cost.' The son replies 'By golly - I've spent enough money now to own a society.' The father says 'Oh, I'm so glad to see you.' The son replies 'We just thought if you wouldn't call on us - we'd call on you.' The father says 'Yes - as dinky Moore says - if the mountain won't go to Mohammed Mohammed will go to the mountain.' The son replies 'Sir - what do you mean?' The father replies 'Jiggs!!!' The son replies 'Something tells me - I pulled a bum one!'

Advertisements for Canadian Pacific and Maritime Express. Canadian Pacific: Vancouver and Victoria, B.C. to San Francisco, Los Angeles, Cal. Maritime Express: Montreal to New York via Halifax.

Advertisements for Steamships. Includes Grand Manan S.S. Co. and other lines.

Advertisements for Manchester Line. Lists various routes and dates.

Advertisement for W.M. Thomson & Co. Agents, St. John, N.B. Lists shipping schedules.

Advertisement for Uncle Dick, The Standard, St. John, N.B. Promoting the sewing and names contests.

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Advertisement for Sir Charles Tupper's Funeral. Halifax, N.S.

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Advertisement for Simeon Jones, Ltd. Brewers. St. John, N.B.

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