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Miss Jamieson Talks Of Work Among The Hindoos

Interested Congregation
Listens To A Good Address
in First Church

CUSTOMS OF THE PEOPLE

The Difficulties Which The Missionaries Have To Contend With—
The Caste Problem

In the First Presbyterian church last evening Miss Jamieson, a returned missionary from India, gave a most inspiring and interesting address on her work in the foreign fields. The service was attended by a large congregation, showing that the missionary spirit is by no means dead in this church. Many remarkable facts were brought out by the speaker, who made her remarks all the more fascinating, by relating personal experiences which went to show both the trials and the triumphs of the servants engaged in this, probably the most important branch of church work to-day.

In India there are, as here, many classes of people. The Hindoos, with whom the speaker's work has been chiefly connected, form three-quarters of the whole population. They are especially interesting, as they are the nearest blood relation that we have. They are our own blood brothers, having the same type of features, but of course they always have black hair and black eyes. This is one of the most difficult fields in missionary work. Some people have the idea that the heathen are waiting for the missionaries with outstretched arms, looking for the gospel. This is not so. There are many difficulties which have to be contended with, and there are many difficulties which prevent the Hindoos from receiving the Gospel when they hear it.

One of the first things which the missionary has to do during the first year is to learn the language. During the time she is doing this, she is learning the people and their customs. One of the chief difficulties which come up, is the caste problem. Not class, they have that too, both religious and social, but when a native breaks his caste, he is viewed as an outcast by the people, even those in his own caste. It is something which the native himself cannot regulate because it is all decided for him at the time of his birth. Many break their caste by eating and drinking with people who are not in their caste. There are some people in India who would be classed as outcasts, if they ate and drank with their own sovereign, King Edward. In the schools, the water which is drunk is all administered by a person in a high caste, and not from the missionary. The great trouble arising out of this caste custom, is that it is taught to children when they are three and four years old, so that it is instilled into their very being, just as the principles of Christianity are taught to the child brought up in a Christian home. In the hospitals, a high caste cook has to be engaged for it would be viewed as a heinous sin for a person to accept food prepared by another of lower caste.

The principle of caste hinders the work of the missionaries in that it prevents them from getting near to the people they are trying to uplift. The missionaries can ask people to their homes but they cannot ask them to eat with them. When they go home, they prepare refreshments for themselves, and in many instances, they have to make themselves ceremoniously clean after a visit to missionary homes. Even the intellectual man, after he hears the Gospel and wants to become a Christian, hesitates before he will give up his caste. Thousands of people are turned away from the missionaries on this account. When the convert decides to give up his caste and become a Christian, the members of his own family view him as an enemy. Thus it is seen the converts in India have to give up sometimes, the very things which are dearest to them. In this way also, the people there have wrong ideas of sin, thus making the work of the missionary all the harder.

Another difficulty which has to be contended with is the fact that the orthodox Hindoo, and a man of good character, have not, necessarily, the least relation one with the other. The Hindoo women also are in very bad condition, and it is with the greatest difficulty that they can even be reached by the missionary. Fully 40,000,000 of the population are women, and they are kept perfectly secluded. Child marriage is also a strongly established custom. Not one per cent. of the population can read, and the people are prejudiced against allowing the women to read. Five million of the men, however, are educated, and speak English, and these men are opening up schools for the purpose of education.

The speaker then described in detail the manner in which the women are housed up, and not allowed to even walk the streets. Many of them never leave their homes after they are married, and when they are married as children, it means that they spend their whole lives penned up in one house. This custom has its effect on the Hindoo people, as these women are the mothers of the race. The young men cannot forget their home training, and this training is given to them by the mothers, who are treated in the above intimated manner.

There are about twenty-one millions of widows among the Hindoos. These women, many of them in fact mere children, are treated in a shameful manner. Their lives are defenseless and hopeless. The Hindoos, however, have excellent memories by nature, and a desire for knowledge goes with Christianity. Schools for the blind have been established, and they are doing a good work, as also are the establishments for the lepers and the orphanages for boys.

Miss Jamieson closed her very interesting address with an appeal for the prayers of the congregation, and she expressed the hope that the appeal which now comes from India for six women missionaries will be granted. She expressed the hope that maybe some woman in the First church congregation would be interested enough to be one of these missionaries.

In closing the service, the earnest young pastor, Mr. MacGillivray, stated that it was one of the dreams of his life that a missionary would be sent to the foreign fields from First Church, and supported in her work by this church. He thanked Miss Jamieson for her splendid and interesting address, and there is no doubt that it was a helpful one. Miss Jamieson told many things concerning missions which were not previously known by many in the congregation, and her address cannot but awake a renewed interest in the important work the church is accomplishing in the foreign mission fields.

CALENDARS

The Planet will carry a full assortment of the finest Calendars for next year, and persons contemplating placing an order for next year should wait until they see our samples. They will be better and cheaper than you have been paying for this class of work.

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Several houses collapsed entirely, and the rush of water carried off everything portable. Many of the buildings were undermined. The people are still in a condition of panic. One woman is reported dead, and four persons are unaccounted for. The schoolhouse has been transformed into a hospital and shelters a score of wounded persons. The people of the village have sought refuge in the surrounding hills.

At Messina also the storm was severe, and caused considerable damage. A landslide at Guidemandri buried a house, and three persons lost their lives. The crops have been destroyed by the flood.

Reports from Taranto say there is great apprehension concerning the fate of eight fishing boats that have not been seen since the storm.

In closing he urged the young men present to make a friend of Jesus Christ, and in life as His friendship would be a safeguard against all unwise alliances and would make up for the lack of other friendships.

The musical service was enriched by a solo from Mr. James Trotter and a double quartette of male voices who sang "The Best Friend You Have is Jesus."

THAW'S STORY WILL BE SPICY

Will Eclipse His Wife's
Evidence In Dramatic
Interest

MRS. THAW IS UNSTRUNG

New York, Feb. 11.—The culminating sensation in the trial of Harry Thaw will be furnished by Thaw himself, who, it is announced, will be put on the witness stand in his own defence.

Even the soul baring story which his wife has told, it is now predicted, will be eclipsed in dramatic developments by the testimony of the defendant himself. For he will swear that from the hour of his first proposal of marriage, when Evelyn Nesbit sobbed out to him her shameful confession, he had been tortured by visions which came to him by day and by night—visions which warned him that unless he killed Stanford White his wife's life should be taken by slow poison.

Now, it is plain why all along the defence has attached such deep importance to the seemingly meaningless phrase of Harry Thaw when he kissed his wife five seconds after he had shot Stanford White in Madison Square Garden, and cried out to her, "It's all right, dearie; I have probably saved your life."

Strain Tells Severely on Her. Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw may not return to the stand Monday morning when the trial of her husband for the murder of Stanford White, is resumed, as had been expected.

The strain of the last few days, during which she has been made to live again the hours when, according to the confession she testified she made to Harry Thaw, she was the victim of the architect, has told severely on her. Last night it was stated that the prisoner has come to her rescue and of his attorneys has demanded a respite for his wife.

If the defendant's plans do not miscarry, Mrs. Thaw will not be recalled until Tuesday. The cross-examination by District Attorney Jerome will, therefore, begin Wednesday, a day later than had been anticipated.

THE QUESTION OF FUNERALS

It Is Discussed At A Meeting
Of The Ministerial
Association

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

A meeting of the Ministerial Association of the city was held this morning at the home of Rev. W. L. Rutledge. Members present were Rev. Dr. Battisby, R. McCosh, W. L. Rutledge, J. W. Hodgins, F. E. Malott and A. H. MacGillivray.

H. Macaulay and Warren Martin came before the Association as a deputation from the various fraternal societies of the city and presented a letter regarding the conduct of funerals. This was discussed at some length and the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

1. That as a Association we are in sympathy with the clause relating to the publication of funeral notices before the hour that the service will begin and the hour that the procession will leave the house.

2. With regard to church and memorial funeral services we would recommend that in view of diversity of church services and customs that the matter be left to the clergyman and families concerned.

3. We are not in favor of Sunday funerals at all except when absolutely necessary, and when that is the case we agree that a recommendation that they be held not later than two o'clock so as not to interfere with the Sunday school services in the various churches.

4. We would recommend that before financial arrangements as to the hour and day for holding funeral services be fixed that the minister who is to conduct the services be consulted.

5. We would strongly urge that as a matter of economy less display and expense in the matter of flowers, caskets, etc., be abolished in funeral arrangements.

6. We would strongly urge that the practice of exposing the corpse to view at the close of the funeral service be abolished.

A committee was appointed to wait upon the undertakers and confer with them on this and other matters relative to the conduct of funerals.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:
President—Rev. Dr. Battisby.
Sec.-Treas.—Rev. A. H. MacGillivray.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Rev. R. McCosh, William street.

F. E. MALOTT,

Secretary.

Canadian women can accomplish almost anything that they set their hearts on.

COLD SPELL IS BROKEN

Mild, Spring Weather
Prevails In Saskache-
wan

THE WELCOME CHINOOK

Regina, Sask., Feb. 11.—After several weeks' bitter cold weather, with the thermometer never showing above 25 below zero, and frequently dipping into the fifties, Saskatchewan is basking in a spell of mild spring, the thaw being general.

Telegrams received in this city Saturday from various points in the range country show that snows have completely disappeared before the Chinook, and that starving herds have again obtained sustenance.

It will be impossible for weeks to gain any accurate idea of the loss to ranchers, but the proportion of damage will be extraordinary high.

Temporary supplies of fuel have been provided for most needy points, such as Davidson and Bethune, and there is every prospect that the C. N. R. will be able to keep the road open till the time the spring floods, which this year threaten to be unprecedentedly heavy.

Manitoba Fuel Question.

Winnipeg, Feb. 11.—An important addition to the Municipal Act in regard to the prevention of fuel famines in Manitoba towns was passed by the law amendments committee of the Provincial Legislature Saturday morning. Power will be given each municipality to solve its own fuel question. The legislation provides that on a two-thirds favorable vote of duly qualified voters in a municipality power is given to issue debentures to borrow money for the purpose of purchasing land and erecting coal and wood sheds. Power is also given to purchase a year's supply of wood and coal and to expend moneys for weighing the same. The councils may not sell the coal at less than cost and may make reasonable charge for delivery.

Grim Fighters These.

Prince Albert, Feb. 11.—One hundred teams are being sent southward, loaded with cordwood. Each carried one cord, and farmers are supplying relay horses. The fuel will be sent as far south as Saskatchewan, 100 miles. It will not be sold, but a strict account kept, to be settled for on some basis at a later date. To those destitute there will be no charge. The whole country in the north has turned out with grim resolution, in spite of the very low thermometer, to volunteer for this appalling hundred mile drive. As each team will be required to make but 20 miles, however, it may not be past human endurance.

Young Couple's Adventure.

Maple Creek, Man., Feb. 11.—John Duncan, a well-known rancher, was married on the 4th inst. and started for his ranch on Skull Creek, with his bride. Their team wandered from the trail, and they were found Tuesday almost dead. They are in the hospital here, and Duncan's feet will have to be amputated. Many reports of people perishing in the storm are being received here.

English Barber perished.

Weyburn, Sask., Feb. 11.—At Goose Lake, Aeneas McIntosh, a member of the English Bar, a man of prominence, whose presence in the west has been a mystery for some months, has perished in a blizzard, with a companion he was driving from the post office. They took off the trail. The mounted police found this companion nearly dead, near the sleigh, but the lawyer will not be found until the snow melts. He evidently wandered out on the plains and was covered up.

Carried Away By Snowslide.

Coal Creek, B.C., Feb. 11.—The repair shop of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. was wiped out and one life lost by a snowslide which occurred here on Friday morning at 10 o'clock, when a gigantic mass of ice and snow hurled down the mountain's side and demolished the shop. Several men were at work in the building, but all got off with slight injuries, except Charles Douglas, who was instantly killed, being buried under the ice and the debris. Douglas was a married man, 23 years old, and a carpenter.

Fall and Is Killed.

Coal Creek, B.C., Feb. 11.—Another fatality on the local railway occurred Saturday morning, when Geo. Prill, foreman of the berry-house, attempted to alight from the train coming in from Fernie and fell beneath the wheels of the last coach. The body was frightfully mangled. Prill was 22 years of age and unmarried, his home being in Fernie.

NEIGHBORS SAVE FAMILY.

Head of the House Dying—Wife and Children Starving.

Belleville, Feb. 11.—A sad story of suffering and destitution comes from North Hastings. Neighbors found James C. Kelly of near L'Amble dying and his wife and five children actually starving. There was no fire in the house, and the thermometer registered 25 below zero. Kelly died, and but for the arrival of neighbors the whole family would probably have perished.

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GRAY'S CHINA HALL

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