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LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE

The Annual Convention of the Ontario Lord's Day Alliance will be held on Friday, November 11th, 1904, in the Metropolitan Church, Toronto. The General Executive will meet in the same place the previous day.

There are now more than 300 branches of the Alliance in Ontario, and it is securing victories for the Weekly Rest Day in every part of the Province.

The sessions of the Convention will be given up to a review of the work of the past year, and to defining the policy of the Alliance with regard to, first, the obtaining of Rest Day legislation, when the questions regarding jurisdiction have been settled by the Supreme Court of Canada, second, the testing and enforcing of the law, and third, the general efforts of arousing in the public of full appreciation of the value of the Lord's Day to the life of the individual, the home, the church and the nation, as well as a knowledge of the perils that threaten the day. To these sessions all persons interested will be made welcome.

A public meeting will be held in the Metropolitan Church on the evening of Thursday, November 10th, 1904, when addresses will be delivered by Rev. Principal Caven, D. D., L. L. D., the President; Rev. G. M. Milligan, D. D., Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church; and Right Rev. W. L. Mills, D. D., D. C. L., Bishop of Ontario. This meeting will be of the deepest interest, and will probably attract many citizens of Toronto, as well as the delegates to the convention.

The Toronto News says; Rev. Dr. McComb, who last spring resigned as professor of church history and dogma in the faculty of theology of Queen's University and returned to Ireland, is going over to the Episcopal Church. It is said that his intentions were known to his colleagues for some time. He intends settling in the United States and taking a charge. Dr. McComb was secured four years ago for Queen's by the late Principal Grant. He is a graduate of Oxford in theology, and for some years studied in Germany.

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CARRYING OUT THE DECISION.

The Scotch authorities charged with the duty of putting into execution the decisions of the law lords of the House of Peers, have taken action regarding the surrender of the property now in the hands of the United Free Church, and ordered its immediate transference to the highland minority claiming to be the original Free Church body. Thus the last step is taken which conveys to a handful of missionary pastors about \$50,000,000 worth of property requiring upwards of \$500,000 a year for its upkeep. As these ministers have been largely dependent for their own salaries upon the very congregations which they have excised, it looks very much as if they had cut off the limb upon which they were hitherto perched. "What will he do with it?" is a question in everybody's mouth. The W. C. F. U. have taken steps to open and carry on the New College at Edinburgh, appointing as one of the lecturers an eminent scholar of another minor Presbyterian organization, who declines to come under their church jurisdiction, while willing to deliver lectures. This seems hardly to accord with the spirit of the decision, since it does not confine the uses of the property to the litigants themselves. While no light yet appears upon the future of this burning problem, it is probable the handful of rural ministers who are now declared to be rightfully in possession of such vast endowments, will soon manifest such inability to administer the trusts that Parliament will perforce interfere to secure the properties from ruin. All this confusion and waste occurs because the law lords who decided a brewers controversy according to principles of equity, decided a church case according to the strictest letter of the law.

LEARNING TO BE KINDLY.

A recent writer says there are many people who excuse themselves from the little familiarities and kindnesses of life on the ground that they are not natural to them. These people say that they are reserved by disposition, and cannot be free and easy in meeting other people. But we can learn to be genial and gentle just as we can learn to row a boat or to throw stones or to write shorthand or to speak a new language. "That homeliness and unaffected simplicity of address which made Ruskin so approachable to child or man, was the work of a long life's discipline. The strongest of men, he had made himself the servant of all, and judged by his own standard, his greatness had lain here," says Canon Rawnsley. What Ruskin learned we can learn. The greater the difficulties we have to surmount, the sweeter and more fragrant the gentleness we shall acquire. It will have a beauty of its own, because it will be made of God's own help in our lives, just as those words of love and friendship are most valued which are wrung with most effort from the deepest natures.

THANKSGIVING-DAY SPECIAL COLLECTION.

17th November 1904

Ever since the Point-aux-Trembles School came into the hands of the Presbyterian Church it has been the practice of the Board of French Evangelization to ask for a special collection in their aid on Thanksgiving Day. The need for such a collection is at present very great. It is fitting too that in this way the work which these school's stand for should find a place in our National Thanksgiving services. It touches the thought and life of two-fifths of the population of the Dominion and is a powerful influence making for an enlightenment of the people and the consequent destruction of racial and religious prejudices and superstitions by which the Church of Rome seeks to maintain her hold on them and keep them in a mediaeval gloom.

A sound education based on the Bible is a sure antidote for anti Scriptural systems and an enduring basis for individual and national character. The whole atmosphere of these Schools is intensely Evangelical, Protestant and Canadian.

One hundred and sixty boys and girls are in attendance this session, of whom one half come from Roman Catholic homes. Applications from almost an equal number had to be refused.

The yearly increasing number asking for admission is a tribute to the intelligence of those asking as well as to the character of the work being done by Principal Brardt and his devoted staff of teachers. But what shall be said of the Christian philanthropy and missionary zeal which suffer them to be hampered in their usefulness for lack of means and room?

To every lover of his country, his neighbour and his God, these Schools and their needs appeal, for in them many of our French Canadian boys and girls are being trained in the true ideals of life and sent forth devoted to spreading abroad the blessings of civil and religious liberty, the salvation of souls and the bringing in of the Kingdom of righteousness.

"Happy is the people whose God is the Lord."
S. J. Taylor, A. J. Mowatt,
Secretary. Chairman.

LUMBER CAMPS' LIBRARIES.

A Letter to the Minister of Education from the Rat Portage Lumber Company, applying for a travelling library for one of their lumber camps, says in part:—"We find that the libraries have been greatly appreciated, and we wish to thank you for the interest you have taken in this matter. If you would allow us a suggestion, however, we would say that a considerable number of the books supplied seem to be rather above the class of men in the camps and that a larger percentage of good, up-to-date fiction would be very acceptable. The men never seem to tire of reading stories by Ralph Connor, Conan Doyle, Thwing Stuart White and Henry."