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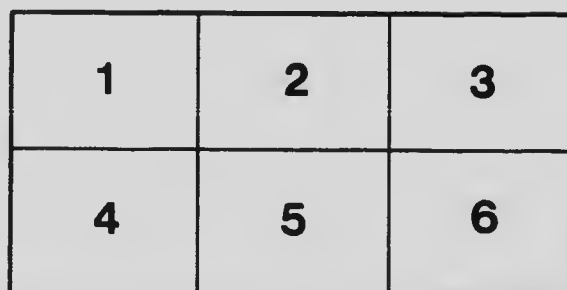
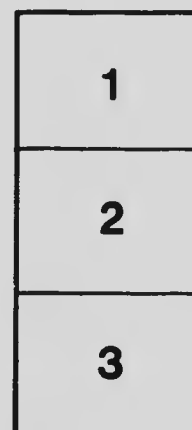
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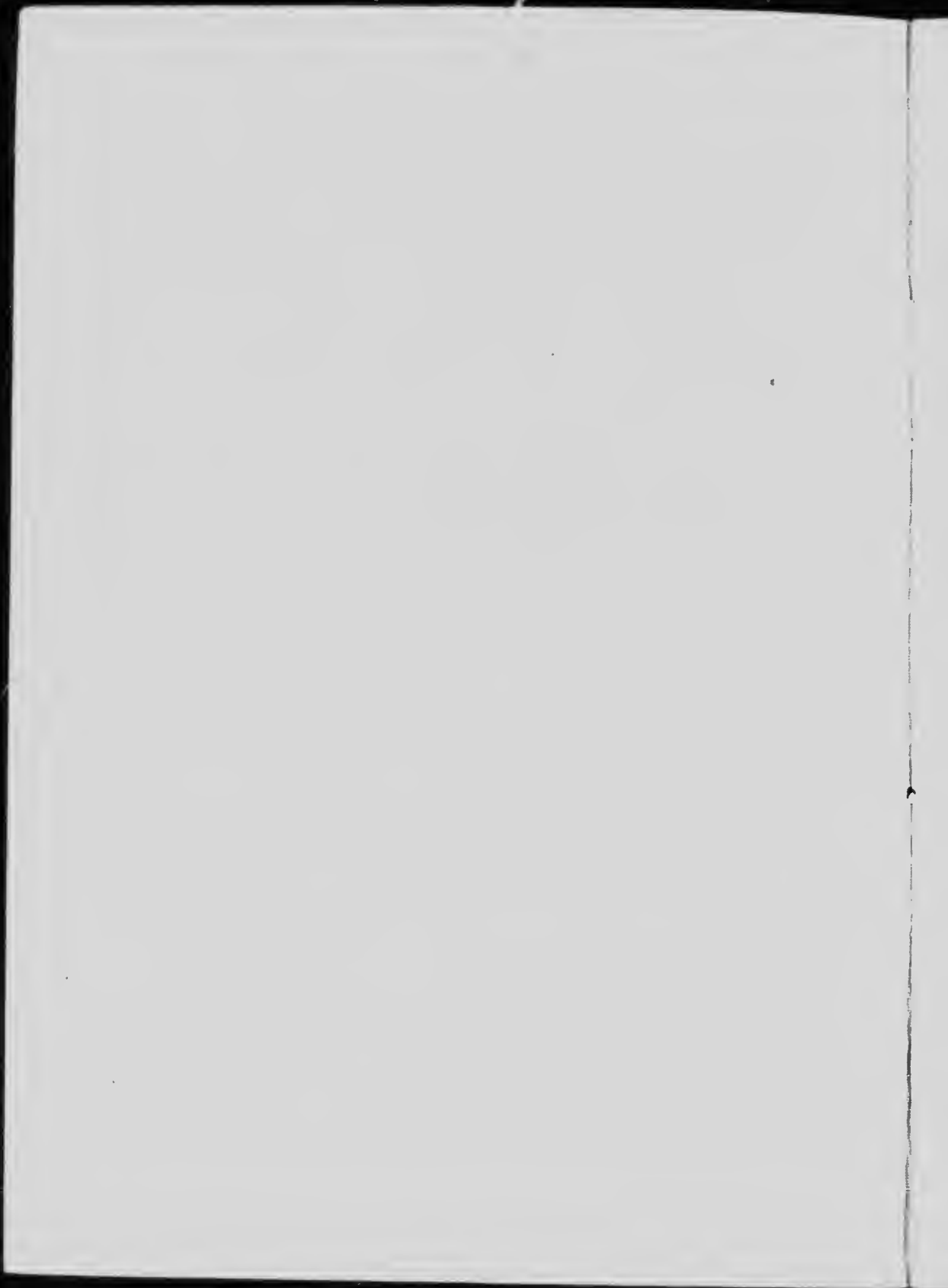
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National Campaign of the Laymen's Missionary Movement

MESSAGE No. 14, FROM THE UPPER HOUSE :

The President of the Upper House begs to inform the Prolocutor of the Lower House that the Upper House has adopted the following resolution :

" That the Upper House declares its appreciation of and confidence in the Laymen's Missionary Movement for the purpose of arousing Laymen everywhere to recognize the claims of the Missionary work of the Church in the world, and the duty resting upon () to contribute towards it in a far more liberal spirit and on a far higher standard of giving than have yet been attained. That the above resolution be sent to the Lower House and their concurrence in it requested."

(Signed) ARTHUR TORONTO, President.

MESSAGE " G," FROM THE LOWER HOUSE :

The Prolocutor begs to inform the President of the Upper House that the Lower House has adopted the following resolution :

" That this House do concur in Message No. 14, and heartily endorses the Laymen's Missionary Movement."

(From the Minutes of the General Synod)

FORMAT. 1.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement is so new an organization that our people may be pardoned if they are not thoroughly well acquainted with it. Of recent days the missionary movement has spread widely among the women, the children and the students of the Churches ; but no commensurate work had been undertaken by the men. Thousands of young men and women had gone out into the mission field, and thousands more were ready to go if the money had been forthcoming to send them and support them. Two years ago at a meeting composed largely of laymen, held in the city of New York, to commemorate the formation of the first missionary society in North America, after earnest prayer it was borne in upon the hearts of many, as if by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit of God, that the time had come for the laymen of the Churches to take their part in the fulfilment of the Lord's last command to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." It was as a result of this important meeting that the Laymen's Missionary Movement was formed.

A MOVEMENT.

Now the object of the Movement is sufficiently indicated by its name. It is first of all a Movement. It is not meant to add one more to the already too numerous organizations in existence ; it is only meant to stimulate them and increase their efficiency. It is meant to stir up the wills of God's faithful people and to move them to greater and more self-denying endeavour. The results of this stimulus, in the offerings of men and of money, are meant to flow into the mission field through the ordinary channels of the Church. Thus the gifts of churchmembers, prompted by the Laymen's Missionary Movement, will all be placed to the credit of the parish and the diocese from which they emanate. This accounts for the readiness with which the Executive

Committee and the Board of Management of the M.S.C.C. gave their imprimatur to the Movement. This also explains why the Movement has met with the endorsement of every Bishop in whose diocese it has appeared and with the hearty and unanimous sanction of the House of Bishops and of the General Synod.

MISSIONARY.

Moreover it is purely missionary in its scope and purpose. It calls for the offering of life and of substance to Christ and His Church for the evangelization of the world. It bids us as Churchmen, as parishes, as dioceses, to look beyond self and its local concerns to the call of Christ, to the mission of the Church as a whole, to the need of the world. It seeks to reflect the spirit of the Master when He said, "As My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you"; "The Son of Man came not to be ministered to, but to minister"; "Go ye into all the world." It moves on the highest plane, that of the love of the Father, the sacrifice of the Son, the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. It reaches out to the widest circle, that of the spiritual need of the whole race of man. It seeks to bind God to man and man to his fellow men.

LAYMEN.

And it is marked by all the features that distinguish laymen, professional and business men. It looks at the evangelization of the world as a "business proposition," and seeks to place it on a practical, business basis. It cultivates unity, concentration, efficiency by the adaptation of means to end. It aims at covering the whole ground by an adequate force without overlapping, waste or unwholesome rivalry. Hence it seeks to promote co-operation both in the Home and in the Foreign Fields. As in the Foreign Fields there is abundant room and work for all, it pleads for comity and the friendly division of spheres of labour. In like manner,

as no one force acting singly is equal to the whole task it pleads for concerted plan and action on the part of mission Boards in the Home Field. Christian laymen can easily become a medium for widespread co-operation without involving their respective Churches in any compromise of principle. And the action and reaction of one Christian force upon another will greatly tend to increased wisdom, zeal and liberality on the part of all.

A BUSINESS PROPOSITION.

It has mapped out the whole world, as it were, into parishes, and is now seeking to provide a man for every sphere so marked out. It has calculated that one missionary is adequate in a life time, to the practical evangelization of 25,000 non-Christians. As there are 1,000,000,000 of non-Christians in the world to-day, and only 13,000 missionaries, it follows that the Force in the Field is only equal to the task of reaching 325,000,000, 675,000,000 remaining in heathen darkness without any hope or chance of hearing the glad tidings of salvation. 27,000 more missionaries are therefore needed to fulfil the task ; or in other words, two more men and two more dollars are needed in addition to every one now supplied. The Churches of Christendom must raise three times as much money and send out 3 times as many agents as they are doing at the present time.

CANADA'S SHARE.

Rigidly pursuing its business methods, the Laymen's Missionary Movement has carved out for the Churches of Canada their share of the non-Christian world, and worked out the problem of the men and the money that would equitably fall to our lot. The membership of all the Churches in Canada, outside the Roman Communion, is estimated to be 900,000. That would mean a field in the non-Christian world containing 40,000,000 of people ; a force of 1,600 missionaries, and an expenditure of

\$3,200,000. And as it has been agreed that we should include the North West in our missionary efforts, it means a total expenditure of \$4,500,000 per annum.

IS IT POSSIBLE ?

It is estimated that the city of Toronto alone spends one million dollars per annum on theatres. Can the whole Dominion of Canada afford to give $4\frac{1}{2}$ times as much to discharge its religious obligations to the North West and to the world, as one of its cities spends on amusements ? It is further estimated that the fruits of the earth, the farm products of the Dominion amount annually to \$450,000,000. If the farmers of Canada alone undertook the task they would have to give, not a tithe, but only one per cent. of their incomes. It means only \$5.00 per Church member per annum ; 10 cents per week ; one cigar or two tram fares a week ; little more than a one cent stamp a day. Many of the children in our cities could spare this amount out of their pocket money without much self-denial and with great profit to themselves.

A NATIONAL CAMPAIGN.

Now to realize this ideal and to place before the Churches of Canada their opportunity, their obligation in this matter, the Laymen's Missionary Movement has carried out a campaign extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The campaign has been conducted by Mr. J. Campbell White, Secretary of the Movement, aided by leading laymen from Toronto and Montreal, and the secretaries of all the Mission Boards. It visited Sydney, C.B., Sept. 13-15 ; Halifax, 13 and 14 ; New Glasgow, 13-16 ; Truro, 16 ; St. John, 16-18, and by the way Amherst and Moncton ; Stratford 22 ; Hamilton 23 to 25 ; Ottawa and Montreal 27 to 30 ; Victoria, Oct. 4 to 7 ; Vancouver 8 to 11 ; Edmonton 11 to 14 ; Calgary 15 to 18 ; Medicine Hat 17 ; Moosejaw 19 to 21 ; Regina 20 to 22 ; Portage la Prairie 23 ; and Winnipeg 24 and 25.

And lastly Kingston 28 to 30. At nearly all these places the Movement was launched by a luncheon or supper, and mass meetings were held on the two evenings following the luncheon, and educational meetings or institutes were held on the two days. Addresses were given in the churches on Sundays, where possible by laymen, and mass meetings for men were held on Sunday afternoons, at some central church or hall or theatre. And the result of the whole campaign may be summed up by saying that every centre visited was effectually "moved" and agreed to assume its share of the great undertaking.

THE AGGREGATE.

Out of a total membership of 900,000, 205,000 were reached, or considerably less than one-quarter; and out of a total contribution of \$4,500,000, \$1,512,000 were undertaken, or considerably over one-third. Allowing for the fact that the country districts are more difficult to reach and less able or less disposed to give, it may perhaps be hoped that when they are reached less than two-thirds of the amount required will be undertaken, with a fair chance of success, by the remaining more than four-fifths of the church-members who have not yet been reached.

DETAILED TABULATED STATEMENT.

The results of the campaign may be seen in the following detailed statement, which speaks for itself:

	Amt. raised last year	Amount undertaken	Amount per member
Winnipeg.....	\$ 53,119	\$175,000	\$10.00
Calgary.....	15,500	40,000	8.88
Vancouver.....	27,000	75,000	8.62
Toronto.....	142,000	500,000	8.33
Montreal.....	100,000	250,000	8.33
Moosejaw.....	2,939	10,000	8.21

Medicine Hat....	\$ 2,400	\$ 5,000	\$7.69
New Glasgow....	7,000	10,000	7.69
Edmonton.....	7,900	26,500	7.35
Portage la Prairie	2,700	10,300	7.00
Victoria.....	4,400	18,000 in 1909	6.90
		25,000 in 1910	
Regina.....	5,000	12,000	6.66
Ottawa.....	28,237	75,000	6.12
Hamilton.....	40,000	75,000	6.11
Kingston.....	11,000	28,150	6.00
St. John.....	16,000	50,000	5.08
London.....	25,000	50,000	5.00
Stratford.....	6,031	18,650	5.00
Brantford.....	13,800	30,000	5.00
Sydney.....	4,000	10,000	5.00
Truro.....	4,700	10,000	5.00
Amherst.....	4,500	8,000	5.00
Moncton.....	3,100	12,125	5.00
Halifax.....	17,737	40,000	4.70
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25 Cities.....	\$533,000	\$1,540,150	

CONCLUSION.

Now the Church of England has taken her part in this National Campaign. The House of Bishops and the General Synod have expressed their entire and hearty approval of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. Churchmen were appointed on the Co-operating Committees in all the centres visited by the Movement. They took their part in the discussion of the question :— " Shall Canada evangelize her share of the world ?"— in the affirmative answer given to that question and in the resolution to assume such a sum as would represent the share of each locality in this world-wide enterprise. It now remains for her to assume her share of the whole sum assigned to the locality and do her utmost to discharge this obligation.

The credit of the Church is clearly at stake, in reference to her Lord, to the world for which He died, to the work He has entrusted to her and to the laymen of other religious communions with whom her laymen have agreed to co-operate. These other religious communions have almost everywhere assumed their share of the burden and are making strenuous and successful efforts to raise the amount that falls to their lot. Shall it be said that the Church alone lagged behind and failed to do her duty? "To whom much has been given from them shall much be required." We justly claim the possession of certain privileges which we hold in trust for the world. Ours is a Church that is complete in its organization and equipment and that reaches back in unbroken history to primitive and apostolic times, and we go back with confidence to primitive and apostolic precedents for a justification of our doctrines and polity. Shall we be lacking only in the primitive and apostolic spirit? that spirit that led the founders of Christianity to consecrate life and substance without reserve to God for the evangelization of the world. *Noblesse oblige*. Let us rather commend the distinctive features of our Church to them that are without, not by mere empty words and boasts, but in deed and in truth, by a manifestation of the fruits of the Spirit, by greater devotion to Christ our Master, by greater obedience to His commands, by greater love for His gospel and for the souls of men for whom He died, by a more far-reaching vision of and a higher ambition for the glory of His Name, the spread of His Spiritual Kingdom and the true Catholicity of His Church Militant here on earth, and by taking a foremost place among those of every name who are striving in prayer and effort for the evangelization of the world.



