

EUROPE GREAT MISSION FIELD

Presbyterian Church of Old Hemisphere Needs Assistance From America

TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 15.—"If the Protestant Church of Europe is to aid in the rehabilitation of that continent we must help them to do it themselves. The greatest mission field of our churches today, next to our foreign and home missions is the continent of Europe," Dr. James I. Good, of Philadelphia, spoke thus today in a report made to the conference of the World Presbyterian Alliance, now in session here. Mr. Good is secretary of the Committee on "Work in Europe."

"The religious condition of Europe is very much the same as a year ago," Dr. Good's report goes on to say. "There is the same story of need everywhere. The need of money for church buildings is increasingly imperative. This is true in France and Belgium, but especially so in Bohemia. If they are to be helped, our churches must do it. And what is done must be done quickly."

"Several new needs are becoming more prominent. The first is the need of supporting their students for the ministry. There is a lamentable dearth of ministers in those lands, except in Germany and Hungary proper. Only four ministers to 10,000 Lithuanians, only five ministers to 20,000 Poles, Bohemia could use 50 more ministers than she has. In Yugoslavia more than a quarter of their congregations are vacant, and there is danger of disintegration. Some of these Churches will die out unless they get more ministers. Then, too, three of these European countries have no theological schools for the education of their young candidates. They are Lithuania, Poland and Yugoslavia."

"So finally a plan has been evolved by your committee on Clothing in Europe. They sent an appeal to each of the Theological Seminaries of our family of churches in America, asking them to take at least one continental student, educate him, pay his necessary and travelling expenses, and send him back to work in those churches. Four of our Theological Seminaries have already done this. Princeton has four, Lancaster three, Central has two, and Western of Pittsburgh has one—ten foreign students in all. Five more Theological Seminaries are now ready to take a student. Louisville, Union Seminary of Richmond, Columbia, the United Presbyterian Seminary of Pittsburgh, and the Dutch Reform of New Brunswick."

Books Are Needed

"Still another need is also emerging—the need of theological books for the libraries of their theological universities. One of the theological professors of one of the oldest of the Hungarian universities, Saros-patek, said to us last summer: 'I have not bought a new book since before the war. How can I prepare my lectures on dogmatics if I do not keep myself abreast with the times?' Another bright young private student in Budapest said to me: 'Unless we get books for our libraries we are in danger of cultural decadence and intellectual starvation.' Can



not some plan be devised to satisfy this tremendous book-hunger over there?"

"A third and last new feature of the present is that the field is enlarging, because Russia is just coming into the range of our vision. Last summer we were told in Lithuania that there were 100,000 of our faith in Russia. We also learned that they did not have a single pastor as all had left the country. We also learned from the congregations in Moscow and Odessa that they were starving and wanted food drafts."

POUND STERLING IS APPROACHING PAR

British Foreign Trade for 1922 Showed Marked Improvement

The pound sterling is steadily approaching par. This London cable gives the fundamental reason says Burdick, Logan & Co.'s bulletin.

"British foreign trade in 1922 showed marked improvement in all its features. Domestic exports increased £17,000,000. Imports declined £83,000,000."

Shrinkage in adverse balance effected was £100,000,000, or 26 per cent. The balance fell to within £10,000,000 of the £213,000,000 import balance of 1913. Heavy gains in the proportion of wheat and similar requirements obtained from Canada and other dominions marked 1922 trade. A larger proportionate trade indebtedness than in 1921 was incurred within the empire.

Imports of 1922 exceeded domestic exports by only 30%, compared with a 54% excess in 1921 and one of 16% in 1913. On trade volume, adverse balance was the smallest in recent history of British commerce. "Invisible exchange," made up of services and investment returns, left substantial surplus after providing for the trade balance."

Of the increase of £235,000,000 in 1922 over 1913 imports, £177,000,000 was in food, drink and tobacco. High wheat and cotton make the showing less favorable than was expected early in 1922.

FORD PRODUCTION OF CARS WAS VERY LARGE

In 1922 the Output was 1,351,333 Cars and Trucks With Record in August

DETROIT, Feb. 15.—Final figures of Ford production are 1,351,333 automobiles and trucks in 1922, an increase of 300,000 over 1921. Highland Park plant produced 1,232,209 cars last year and 50,166 were built in the Canadian plant at Ford, Ontario.

Production of foreign plants was: Manchester, England, 27,194 cars and trucks; Buenos Aires, 11,871; Copenhagen 40,552; Bordeaux 10,548; Cadix, Spain 5,331; and Sao Paulo, Brazil, 3,362.

The total number of tractors built last year was 8,985, an increase of 100 per cent over 1921. Political disturbances in Ireland did not interrupt production of tractors at the Cork plant.

The peak month in 1922 was June with 147,770 cars and trucks built. The record day last year was August 29, with production of 5,699 cars and trucks.

F. S. Sheppard, C.N.R. travelling auditor, returned to Vancouver on the Prince George this morning.

FIRST CLASS MEN NEEDED

Speaker at Rotary Luncheon Yesterday Urged Claims of Boy on Members

"You cannot make an A1 nation out of C3 men," was a quotation from Lloyd George used by W. E. Galloway to illustrate the need of seeing that the activities of the boys were directed in such a manner as to make the best class of men. He was addressing a largely attended luncheon of the Rotary Club yesterday in the St. Regis Cafe upstairs dining room, Harold Campbell presiding. Paraphrasing the poet Wordsworth he spoke of the privileges of the young men today in these words:

"What bliss it is in this day to be alive; but to be young, with all the opening doors of opportunity in Canada, is very heaven."

Mr. Galloway said that the conversation of boyhood was vital and necessary to Canadian life. He recalled the sacrifices that had been made by the war and inroads made into young manhood. The challenge was today being put to the younger generation to fill up the gaps and to measure up to the ideals of the young men who have gone overseas. A great many responded to the challenge, but others did not. Some drifted away and had gone down hill, losing out in the great game of life and becoming C3 men. They had drifted away from the highest and best influences.

Wrongly Directed

The speaker mentioned that there was an increase in the offenses committed by juveniles and it was significant that many of the offenses were against property rather than against persons. It was not very long ago when men were hanged for sheep stealing. Offenses were committed in a desire to get even with someone whom they disliked but often it was just the love of fun and the inspiration of the crowd that caused the delinquency. It was the irrepressible energy of youth constantly seeking expression.

There were two methods of dealing with juvenile delinquency. One was that of repression and the other was that of directing the activities. The same impulse which led to the stealing of bases led to the breaking of the law. If the outlet was provided in one direction it would not go in the other. Giving proper direction to the activities was the great thing. This was a challenge to every man to find the channels into which the activities of the boy were directed and see that there was the right tendency. The responsibility rested chiefly on the fathers, although a great many tried to throw it on the teachers, the Sunday Schools and the Church. There was a tendency to shuffle out from responsibility. Many were not measuring up. They were not taking time to look after their boys and make friends with them.

Mr. Galloway suggested the outline as provided by the standard of efficiency of some of the churches. This dealt with the intellectual, physical, devotional and social training of youth. There was no program of work which called for leadership so persistently as this. He urged members of the club to make friends with the boys and suggested methods by which they might aid in the work being carried on.

COULD NOT SUPPRESS VICTORIA NEWSPAPERS

One Got Full Report of Police Commission Meeting Even Though Excluded

VICTORIA, Feb. 15.—Making a volte face from the previous meeting when the press had been excluded and the major portion of the discussion held in private, the Police Commission excluded the general public from the confidential portions of its agenda and allowed the press representatives to remain. Sessions in camera were useless anyway in that the privilege extended to matters which would not affect the characters of the men of the force under discussion.

"The last meeting we held in camera," stated Mr. Stenland,

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but one newspaper had the report of the proceedings verbatim. I wish I knew where they got it. If I were a detective I might have found out. I move the Chief's report, or that portion of it which we tabled from the last meeting. The motion carried. Mayor Bayward stating he felt sure the press would not abuse the confidence placed in it.



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