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LETTER FROM BAVARIA

The following paragraphs are taken from a letter sent to the publisher of this paper by Mr. D. James of Thornhill, who has been attending a Sabbath School Convention in Bavaria, Munich:—The World's S. S. Convention has been a most wonderful success. The interest was held to the last moment. Although lasting over a week the building at last session was crowded to overflowing with over 3000 people. At one session \$100,000. was raised in a half-hour. This was supplemented further by \$25,000. more, which will again be supplemented by \$50,000. The outlook to bring the world to Christianity was never better. The Moslem world, the only rival to Christianity, is showing signs of weakness in many ways. The singing of the convention was inspiring. The addresses good, each thought the last one given was the best. The devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. F. B. Meyer and the Rev. Mr. Guttery were almost worth coming all the way to get such high views of our privileges and creating such strong desires to attain to them; these were a great uplift to all. Two meetings in different buildings were held each morning at 9.00 a. m., when the seats were fully occupied. The interpreter was a wonderful man, speaking twenty-seven languages, but he was not called to use publicly so many, only French, German, Scotch and English, and not always these as there was not time. Time seemed the great need of the convention, so much to say by so many people, and the hours of the days limited. Nearly 2700 delegates registered. More than half of these were from North America. Canada, according to population, was the best represented country, although on an average, of the Canadian delegation each would have to travel 4000 miles on the round trip. Every Province in Canada was represented but Manitoba. Some 240 speakers took part in the forty-five sessions held during these days.

The decorations in the Tonhalle where the Convention was held were simple yet expressive. Above the platform was suspended a large Globe to remind the audience of the world's cope of the Association's endeavors, and above the globe was a blood red cross, which when lighted was a most inspiring sight. Back of the platform and against the organ in the center was the White Cross flag of Switzerland; with the flags of America and Great Britain on either side. Two large pictures of the the Twingle and the Pestalozzi monuments were striking reminders that Zurich was the scene of the great labors of Ulrich, Twingle the Reformer, and the birth place of Pestalozzi, the founder of modern educational methods. The secretaries reported that the S. S. army consisted of 28,700,000 members in 297,000 Sunday Schools which is the largest Christian army in the world marching under one banner.

The children were largely in evidence on Sunday when a great meeting was held at the Tonhalle. Fully two thousand children participated in the meeting, followed by an open-air meeting in the park when they sang familiar hymns to the delight and profit of many thousands who gathered to hear them. A word about the Concert, given under the direction of Prof. Bucher, director of the Convention music. The Chorus of 450 voices, sang in German, and were assisted by an orchestra of 42 pieces, which has the reputation of being one of the best in Europe, also a company of ten swiss yodlers, who gave several selections that created wild enthusiasm. Every seat in the Tonhalle was occupied and hundreds remained standing during the two hours of the Concert. The tickets were \$1.50 and \$1.00, proceeds to be applied towards expenses of the Convention. "The End of the Convention is the beginning of effort."

The reception held by Bishop and Mrs. Nuelson who resides at Zurich and has charge of the Methodist Episcopal work in Europe was attended by five or six hundred members of the delegation. The work he is doing is well spoken of and the church he represents are fitting citizens for residence either in Europe or America.

The beauty of the mountain scenery appeals to one who has all his life resided upon the plains, the quaintness yet neatness of the mountain homes, the use of cows instead of horses for motive power at these same mountain homes. Constant tinkling of the bells, the greenness of verdure, and the sound of waterfalls, Cascade or Cataract, the pureness of the air, and charm of all prevent home or any other kind of sickness. In fact Mrs. James and myself are so busy that we have hardly any time left for ordinary things so much extraordinary, that foot, ear and eye were never so fully employed.

I am Yours Very Truly,
D. JAMES.
July 18, 1913.
Ripans Tabules assist digestion.

A FRATERNAL LETTER

The following letter was received by Mr. Thos. Newton of this village from the Masonic brethren while in session at the Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge at Ottawa:—
V. W. Bro. Newton,
We, the undersigned deeply regret your absence on this occasion, the 55th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. We have met on many similar occasions, renewed our acquaintance and spent a few pleasant hours together. We realize your inability to be with us, but sincerely trust that when we meet at Niagara Falls next year your health will have improved, and you will again be with the brethren, and take part in the proceedings of the Lodge so dear to your heart.
We are sending you under separate cover a souvenir of Ottawa City the centre of our political system and national life which we believe will be interesting to you.
With kindest regards and best wishes, we are,
Fraternally yours,
H. J. CHARLES,
ELI BRAUND,
S. O. TAYLOR,
W. H. LRGGE.
Ottawa, July 17, 1913.

TORONTO LETTER

Special to THE LIBERAL:
Both Conservative and Liberal temperance men in Meaford feel that they have not been treated fairly by the Government which has reversed its decision and re-issued licenses in Meaford. "We have been deceived" and "The licenses were cancelled for political effect only" were statements openly made by Conservatives. These men say that the Temperance Committee did agree to the Government's proposal but that they did so under protest and because they could get nothing better. They still think that if the Government had done the fair thing they would have adhered to their first decision and not renewed the licenses after August the first. It is all right to have a local option vote next January but possession is nine points of the law and as things stood, before Mr. Hanna and the Provincial Secretary's Department changed their minds, there would have been no bars in Meaford to-day. Instead of that they are open as usual.

Aurora.
The electors of Aurora carried two money by-laws, submitted to them Monday, by large majorities. The first authorized an expenditure of \$1,000 on new electrical equipment. The second was for \$5,000 to be spent on new pumps for the waterworks. A new lighting system will now be installed, and every street will be properly lighted. The town has an agreement with the Metropolitan Railway Co. for a supply of power and light for five years.

The license question is still unsettled. The commissioners issued licenses to the three hotels, but Hon. W. J. Hanna, the provincial secretary, ordered them cancelled on the ground that they were issued without his authority. An official statement has been made by the Ontario License Department announcing that the legal situation was to be defined by the Court of Appeal. Until the court judgment is rendered the license holders will continue to sell.

Maple.
The adjourned inquest to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the death of G. T. R. Brakeman, John Wilson in the Maple yards on the 26th ult. was held here Friday evening. After hearing the evidence the jury placed the onus of the fatality on Conductor Parker for failure to protect the end of his train which was left on the main line. Conductor Parker did not put in an appearance at the inquest, but he was represented by counsel. Engineer Robert Harman told the court that he did not see the tail lights of the standing train until he was about eighteen car lengths away. Although he had good air brakes he was unable to stop in such a short distance. When the crash came the train was moving at about 20 miles an hour.

News Notes.
Several disastrous fires occurred in Toronto Saturday and Sunday. The sheep buildings at Exhibition Park were burned Sunday afternoon, involving a loss of nearly \$100,000. On Saturday in the north end of the city, Robert Ocran's hat factory, and nine houses on Balmuto street were destroyed or damaged, to the extent of \$200,000.

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