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THE CHRISTIAN CONVOCATION

(By R. E. Knowles.)

Toronto, June 11.—Other pens than mine will tell, have probably already told, the story of this momentous day in the history of the Christian world. All I can hope to do is to interpret it in its high significance and briefly outline its salient features.

For momentous this day will surely be. Union, that mystic thing upon which all life depends, is well within everybody's ken, pervading as it does every kingdom where life is found. Nor has it been wanting in the history of the Christian church. Re-unions there have been aplenty among the dimembered church families who, never having renounced the family name, returned to the unforgotten domestic fire-side and taken up the past as though it were yesterday.

But never before have any great churches, of differing historical source, of alien traditions of varying names, of apparently diverging and over-conflicting doctrines, never before have they sunk their distinctive differences adjusted their opposing creeds, laid aside the vesture of dear and familiar names, surrendered their separate journals, in order that they might, in the blended community of a larger life and a united effort, further the welfare of mankind and the interests of the Kingdom of God. These things today were done by the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Methodists and the Congregational churches together. This epoch-marking union, toward which the eyes of all Christendom are turned, was effected amid great pomp and circumstances. In the presence of 8,000 people, within the vast arena of the arena here in Toronto.

Pomp And Circumstance. But not of the traditional or mere-

tricious sort—far other was the case. The story that shone around was not that one of gorgeous ritual or glorious music or imposing millinery of ecclesiastical symbol, but rather in the deep and pervading joy, the reverent hope, the wistful outlook to great days beyond; the suppressed sorrow over all that has been renounced, swallowed up in the rich reward of a nobler visibility of the Church of God before the world, of a burning purpose to prove before men and angels that the sovereign things of the faith as it is in Jesus have bidden the theological trifles retreat with coward footsteps into the twilight whence they came. There was a sublime rotation of ministers in the great exercises of the day. Denominational lives were impossible in the discovery, and the greetings that gladdened the exultant thousands came from every quarter of the globe.

Distant California, utmost Africa, trans-globular China, far-off India, Antipodean New Zealand—all contributed their voice of joy and blessing. With one accord, and usually in so many words, they acclaimed the United Church of Canada as the most truly forward-looking of all the Christian churches of the globe.

The eminent delegates from the United Free Church of Scotland boldly affirmed that Canada has led the world. His affirmation that in union churches do not die, that they rather therein enter a fuller and larger life, was received with rapturous acclaim. His assurance that the Presbyterian Church in Canada is the continuing Presbyterian church provoked the wildest demonstration I have ever witnessed in a public gathering in my life. The occasion was one of unmeasured inspiration and power, harbinger of a bright and blessed day in the moral and religious life of Canada.

LIFE'S SOCIAL SIDE.

(Continued from Page Four) Mrs. Heber Lafferty and her children left for Petawawa on Wednesday to join Major Lafferty.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Harty, "Rose-lawn," will go to Montreal on Monday for the closing of Miss Edgar's school and will bring Miss Nadine Harty back with them.

Mrs. M. Milan and Miss Mae Milan, Earl street, who sailed for Cherbourg, by SS. Minadose, last week will arrive in France on Thursday.

Mrs. R. J. Gill Gardiner, Miss Bowles, Mr. Alison Bowles and Miss Betty Gardiner motored from Brockville on Wednesday for the sports at the Royal Military College.

Mrs. Ernest Dawson and Mr. George Carson returned from Toronto to-day, from a visit to Major and Mrs. Hubert Stethem, Stanley Barracks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Gardner, Mrs. M. M. Browne, Miss Margaret Gardiner, Miss Amy Wilkinson and Miss Lesley Bryant, Halifax, who is the guest of Col. and Mrs. C. W. Wilkinson, Brockville, motored to Kingston on Wednesday for the R.M.C. sports.

Col. and Mrs. Everett Birdsall will motor to Kingston for the closing events of the term at the Royal Military College and will be with Mr. R. E. Kent, "Somerset House."

Mrs. M. M. Browne and Mr. Matthew Browne, Brockville, will motor to Kingston on Monday for the ball at the Royal Military College.

Mrs. Cowan, Mrs. Bullock and the Misses Cowan, motored from Gananoque for the sports at the Royal Military College.

Dr. and Mrs. A. O. Lee, of Toronto, are with Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Sparks, Johnson street.

Mr. M. J. O'Brien, Ottawa, is the guest of Mr. R. F. Harvey, Lower Union street.

Mrs. Leo. Black, "Rockford House," who has been spending a few days in New York, has returned home.

KINGSTON EXCURSION.

Met With a Very Hearty Reception at Ottawa.

The excursion to the Ottawa Experimental Farm, under the auspices of the Kingston Industrial Fair Association, was held on Wednesday, the train leaving Kingston at eight o'clock in the morning with nearly 100 people from Kingston aboard. Many were picked up on the way down. The party, headed by R. J. Bushell, arrived at the Ottawa Experimental Farm shortly after twelve o'clock and were driven to the farm in buses.

They were met by a reception committee composed of Dr. E. S. Archibald, director of the Experimental Farm and other farm officials. There were over 400 visitors in all and they were the guests of the farm officials at a luncheon, at which Dr. Archibald delivered an address on the farm's activities.

Following the luncheon the visitors made a tour of the farm under the personal guidance of the officials. A parade of the farm's livestock was held for their benefit and groups were conducted in a tour of the horticultural, poultry, field crop and dairy sections of the farm.

Before leaving they were guests of the farm officials at tea.

To Preserve the Staff.

Victoria College, Toronto, will be the place in which the pastoral staff presented to the Bay of Quinte Conference many years ago by the Rev. Richard Duke will repose after union. That is the decision of the Bay Conference today. It will be placed with other archives of Methodism there. It contains the bands of thirty-four presidents and is made of wood from the historic Hay Bay church.

One Dollar Return the Same Day. Kingston-Gananoque Bus is adding a noon trip starting Saturday, daily except Sunday. Leaves Kingston 12.45 noon, and leaves Gananoque 1.30 p.m., also a Sunday morning trip leaves Kingston 9.45 a.m., leaves Gananoque 10.30 a.m. (new time). Phone R. S. Walker, 2470J.

Large Raccoon on Johnson Street Verandah; Animal Bit Two Men Who Tried to Capture It

To open the front door with the intention of patting what she considered a fine little dog and find that it was a full-sized raccoon was the experience of Mrs. C. D. Powles, 509 Johnson street, on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Powles, who was alone in the house at the time, heard a noise on the verandah in front of the house and went to the door. As she opened it she put her hand forward with the intention of patting the animal, which emitted a terrible growl.

Mrs. Powles became alarmed and called her husband and E. Hill, who were working in the garden at the rear of the house. When the two men came to the front of the house they beheld a raccoon measuring about thirty-four inches in length. The animal went over to the corner of the porch and climbed up one of the posts. It was decided by the two men to try and take the animal alive. A ladder was secured and placed against the verandah, and one of the men went up and grabbed the animal and carried it down to the ground. The raccoon showed fight and Mr. Powles got a very bad bite on the hand and blood poisoning

is feared. A bite from the animal severed one of the arteries in Mr. Hill's body and there was a great flow of blood from the wound.

The two men were trying to place a rope around the neck of the animal when they received the severe wounds.

After the fight with the raccoon, the men let it go. On Wednesday morning to their surprise they saw the animal still on the premises, so they decided to kill it. A gun was secured but the gun refused to fire and the raccoon disappeared.

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