

Smith Dorien's Testimony.

TORONTO, Nov. 13.—Captain J. Mason, in command of "B" Co., R. C. R., now on his way from Cape Town to England, in a letter to his father, Col. Mason, says this on Oct. 5: General Smith-Dorrien, believing the Canadians were all being sent home and that he would not see them again, sent the following telegram to Col. Otter:

"No words can express my disappointment at not seeing you and your gallant corps again before you leave. Please say good-bye to all ranks, wish them for me great good luck, and tell them I feel that any credit I may have gained in this war I shall owe largely to the splendid way the Royal Canadians served me. I shall always hope for the time when I may have the honor of commanding them again. There are no finer or more gallant troops in the world."

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Pastors and Sessions Within the Presbytery of P. E. Island.

By resolution of Presbytery at its last meeting it devolves upon me as Moderator to issue a circular letter setting forth a movement having in view the deepening of Spiritual life in our congregations with the opening of the new century.

That resolution, framed by special committee and adopted by Presbytery is as follows:—

1. Recommend, that the Presbytery be divided into five districts, the Minister and representative Elders of the several congregations grouped together to form a committee whose duty it shall be to devise such measures as they deem best to revive the religious life of our congregations.

2. The districts proposed are as follows:—

1. Alberton, Montrose, Bloomfield, West Cape and Richmond Bay.—A. D. McDonald Convener.

2. Summerside, Bedeque, Malpeque, Clifton, New London North, and Cavendish.—R. S. Whidden, Convener.

3. Charlottetown, Brookfield, West River, Covehead, Tryon and Strathalbyn.—J. Layton, Convener.

4. Mount Stewart, St. Peters, Souris, Dundas, Cadigan, and Georgetown.—J. W. McKenzie, Convener.

5. Montague, Murray Harbor North, Murray Harbor South, Woodville, Caledonia, Belfast, Orwell, and Valleyfield.—E. Gillies, Convener.

3. Recommend further—that the Moderator of Presbytery issue a circular letter to sessions calling their attention to this important matter.

4. That sessions take this matter into immediate consideration.

5. That, in accordance with the assembly's proposal, Ministers urge upon their people the importance of an advance in spiritual life.

6. That each sub-committee have an early meeting and arrange its own plan of work, if possible arranging to hold a conference with every session within the bounds.

7. That conveners of committees report to the convener of the Presbytery's committee on life and work, the action taken in time to be embodied in his report to Presbytery. By this action of Presbytery it is therefore requested:

1. That Ministers represent to their people the subject of church life and work, emphasizing its importance in keeping with the assembly's report and this movement.

2. That sessions take this matter into immediate consideration, and adopt such measures as are best fitted to awaken and engage the interest of the people.

3. That each Presbyterial sectional committee confer with every session within their bounds with the view of stimulating church life and works.

This subject has been pressing itself upon the attention of the church, and the need of an awakening has found fuller expression recently in our general assembly, synod and Presbyteries. The need of such awakening in church life will doubtless be conceded by all. Will this sense of need develop into a strong inward desire for what is thus a felt want? If so—what are the means to the end contemplated? First of all must be emphasized a diligent, faithful, prayerful use of the ordinary means of grace—the Divinely appointed means to the end of awakening sinner and saint and of developing Christian character and church life. Church courts may resolve and recommend—we ourselves may resolve—but does it not rather depend upon what our pastors, sessions and people diligently and faithfully do in the use of those means—prayerfully relying upon Him who guided unto all truth leadeth beside still waters, maketh to lie down in green pastures, and giveth the increase upon the labors of the planters and waterers in His Vineyard.

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