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Dr. Frank Mason North, Secretary of
New York City Mission Work, Ad-
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"We need the foreigner in our western world," exclaimed Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D., of New York, in his address on "The City's Challenge to Methodism" before the Methodist Social Union of Toronto at their 21st annual banquet last night in Elm Street Church. Dr. North has for eighteen years been Corresponding Secretary of the New York City Church Extension and Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dealing with the challenge of the foreigner in our great cities, Dr. North declared his belief that we need the Italian in our American life; we need the Latin, but stripped of his superstition. We need the Russian, he said; and these foreigners, whom we pity for not being Anglo-Saxons, can teach us something. "There is more idealism on our east side," said he, "than on Fifth avenue."

We need these people, continued Dr. North, not just as they come, but as we can make them, as they can become after they have been passed through Christian hands. If we think that the foreign lands exhaust our missionary effort for the foreigners, our view, he said, was very narrow. He held these things true of all foreigners, even though they come on our western shores, and of the colored people, too, whose test would be their ability for city life.

Touching the challenge by the young men and young women of the cities, his appeal was even more vigorous: "Give the girls a chance! for God's sake, give the girls a chance! And give the young men from the rural districts a chance! Build them a great building—not only the Y. M. C. A., it can't take them all—but provide them a great big building, where the boy can have a decent room and a fair meal at a fair price, a place where he can be surrounded by Christian influences, and near to a church he can attend."

The urgency of the problem of providing churches for the incoming hosts was emphasized by Dr. North. He said that in New York they needed to found two churches every week to accommodate a thousand persons each to meet the situation. Methodism he believed had the dynamic, vital force, the mechanism, and the organized spirituality to cope with the organized opportunity presented by the city. John Wesley in his dealing with social and industrial ills had shown himself to be one of the most modern of men.

The address of Dr. North was listened to with close attention throughout, and the keen appreciation of the audience for his clarion call to do the duty that lay nearest them was eloquently voiced by Mr. N. W. Rowell, K.C., seconded by Mr. B. E. Bull, and supported in a few ringing sentences by Rev. Dr. Carman. Mr. John Donogh, President of the Social Union, occupied the chair. Mr. Chester D. Massey introduced the speaker. Greetings from the Hamilton Social Union were brought by Mr. W. J. Waugh, who had entertained the guest of the evening in his home in Hamilton twenty-seven years ago when he was fraternal delegate to the last General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, presided over by Bishop Carman.