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The cantata at the Moravian Church last night was a great success. The choir did its part well, and the organ was ably handled by the organist, Mr. S. A. Smith. The evening was on the whole a well spent one, and it is hoped that the returns have been encouraging.

The s. s. "Bridgetown" sailed from New York on Monday evening, having 60 tons of cargo for Christiansted and 23 tons for Frederiksted.

We were in error when we stated yesterday that Est. Mt. Pellier was sold to Mrs. Hoffmann for \$3,000. The bid for that amount offered by Mr. Thos. Gaffney will go to the District Court for consideration. The Court has the right to veto the amount if it is not suitable. —*Agricultural News, 21st Nov.*

FROM FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

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(Concluded from yesterday's Avis.)

"Wrapped up in this work of relief is something that may well prove to be of greater significance even than the saving of physical life. For the boys and girls who are to-day our wards in those orphanages are a part of the Near East of the coming generation, perhaps the decisive part so far as the higher life of this chaotic area of the world is concerned.

"To train 50,000 children under the influence of devoted Christian workers and then to send these young people back into the towns and cities with that spirit of service to the Near East that was responsible for their salvation, is to do the greatest thing imaginable in the building of a new Near East. The work of the Near East Relief is, in the widest sense of the word, a great missionary enterprise, a mighty re-enforcement of the noble task begun decades ago by the mission boards and by agencies like Robert College, the University at Beirut and the Constantinople College for Women.

"As one who has been here in the Near East clearly sees, the work begun by the Near East Relief as an emergency measure must be carried on for several years. To drop it now would be to knock the props from under the structure in the rearing. The work will, of course, be gradually reduced. The feeding of 25,000 refugees, which has been such a strain upon the organization during the past year, is at last at the point where it can be discontinued. As for the orphans, some of the older ones have already been taught enough so that they are going back to earn their own

support on farms or at a trade. But there are thousands of children under five and six years of age.

"There are even little babies, orphaned as a result of the expulsions from Asia Minor within a year. No one who knows the situation in the Near East could think for a moment that we can withdraw our support now. No one who has seen with his own eyes these bright and eager children, who has seen them learning to read and write, sew and weave rugs and make shoes, who has them run to him and throw their affectionate arms around his neck, would ever say again that he is 'tired of giving.' He would only wonder whether he could ever again spend as flippantly as he used to do on an hour's entertainment the sum that would keep one of these little ones for a whole month.

"The service of the Near East is a symbol of the heart of America, of America at its best. There are many Americas. A political America, which has not yet taken its place in the League of Nations nor proposed a better means for preventing war and building up international co-operation. An economic America, which has its eyes riveted only on trade advantages to be secured in the Near East and elsewhere. But there is also an idealistic, a humanitarian, a religious America—and this America is finding magnificent expression in its work of mercy in the Near East, which the future historian may consider one of the most far-reaching events of our day. Weighed in the scales of the future it will be this America of which we and our children shall be proud."

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, Nov. 18th.—Great interest has been aroused in medical circles here by a despatch from Prague to the effect that Prof. Ladejewsky, of Charles University, Prague, is believed to have discovered effective serum for arterio sclerosis. A patient treated with the serum is declared to have recovered within a short time. Medical men, to whom the statement was submitted, agreed that if such a serum had been discovered it would go a long way towards lengthening the span of human life. A previously claimed remedy for the disease was the sour milk treatment advanced by Dr. Metchnikoff.

Louisville, Ky. Nov. 18th.—By virtue of a scant nose victory over Memoriam, Zev, enroute to Baltimore with the three year old turf crown in his possession today. In what seemed destined long to hold a place as the closest and most thrilling finish in the annals of the American Turf, Zev flashed past the wire at Churchill Downs yesterday, neck and neck with Memoriam. So close was that breath taking finish to the mile and one quarter match between the two great colts, that

the judges decision was necessary to establish the winner. Trained observers, experienced in judging close finishes, and many of the approximately 40,000 spectators thought Memoriam had won. The time for the race was 2.06½. Zev's triumph in Saturday's match race also probably means that he will represent the United States in an international race for a purse of 1,000,000 francs to be decided at Longchamps course, near Paris, next May. The international race is planned as a six cornered affair and an invitation to the winner of Saturday's race to participate was received before the match was run.

Neuilly, France, Nov. 18th.—M. Poincare today served notice on the world that France is determined to remain in the Ruhr and Rhineland until all clauses of the Versailles Treaty are completely executed and the security of France is guaranteed. The Premier, who apparently was in a combative mood, added that new penalties against Germany would be imposed, unless full satisfaction from Germany was obtained. Poincare expressed no disappointment over the failure in the negotiations for the creation of a commission of experts to determine Germany's capacity to pay. He said France was firmly resolved that she was quite capable of bringing Germany to terms.

New York, Nov. 19th.—Sterling exchange established another new low record for the year at the opening of today's exchange market demand bills being quoted at 4 26½ or 1-4 below Saturday's closing rate. Foreign exchange traders described the movement as the "flight from the pound to the dollar" which has been under way since the announcement of the forthcoming British general elections, with the tariff as the chief issue. Later however, the exchanges jumped over five cents on the announcement that a break between France and Great Britain apparently has been averted at today's meeting of the Council of Ambassadors. This afternoon's exchange figures were Great Britain 3.32½, France 5.33, Italy 4.32½, Germany 1,000,000,000,020, Canadian dollars 2 1/16 percent discount.

Perpignan, France, Nov. 19th.—An earthquake of considerable intensity was felt in this district at 3.40 o'clock this morning. The shock cracked walls, shook lighting fixtures and rattled china in the homes of Perpignan, where the quake seemed to be heaviest. The observatory, seismograph showed the direction of the tremor to be Nw. Sw.

Rome, Nov. 19th.—King Alfonso and Queen Victoria of Spain arrived this morning to pay their official state visit to King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena of Italy.

Capetown, Nov. 19th.—The returns of the elections to the Provincial Council for Capetown Colony are completed and are notable for showing few changes.