



NOW THAT THE "FLU" GERM HAS BEEN ISOLATED, WE SUGGEST SOME OTHER PESTS THAT SHOULD COME IN FOR IMMEDIATE ISOLATION

SIR HENRY'S SUNDAY ADDRESS ON THE READING OF THE BIBLE, delivered to a capacity audience in the Orpheum theatre, Vancouver, deserves an article to itself. His somewhat original exposition or interpretation of "inspiration" was such as should leave no churchman of any denomination an argument against the introduction in schools of selected readings from the Bible. In this connection it is a shame and disgrace that we are in danger of letting a generation grow up in some parts of Canada without even a tolerable acquaintance with the Bible as literature. If the churches do not get together and work and plan and pray for a way out of the present impasse, people who recognize that literature and life, as portrayed in the Bible are bigger than any denomination or church will be tempted to exclaim, "A plague on both (or all) your houses!" If this world continues, the principles of Christianity and the literary worth and beauty of the Bible may outlive all sectarian names and the claims of denominations, great or small.

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CHURCH UNION IS STILL A TIMELY TOPIC, and the other side in the form of the Presbyterian opposition was in evidence in Vancouver while our former reference awaited publication. Of course the "Stay-with-its" in the Presbyterian church can make out a good case for themselves, and against anything that savours of coercion. Perhaps if the individual congregations were given an opportunity to vote for or against BEFORE the Union takes place formally (and not afterwards as suggested) the allegation of coercion would be nullified.

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THE UNION DISCUSSION AT THE B. C. PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD was comparatively mild, and the vote was fairly decisive in favour of Union.

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THE REV. A. E. COOKE, WHO FOLLOWED WITH AN ADDRESS ON PROHIBITION certainly made out a strong case against Government Control conditions. The minister of First Congregational Church, Vancouver, is one of the most criticized preachers and reformers in the West, but he has all the typical Irishman's fluency and pugnacity. People who may not agree with Mr. Cooke's utterances in every particular, cannot but admire his fearlessness and his obvious desire to get at the facts in any matter he takes up.

As an expositor he is insistent and impressive and drives home his points in a telling way.

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ON THE WHOLE MR. COOKE'S QUALIFICATIONS are such that if we had anything to do with the prohibition campaign, we should say to the Executive—If you wish to ensure the Cause success, or the fullest possible measure of success, secure A. E. Cooke as the organizer, or campaign manager and speaker—IF YOU CAN.

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Nevertheless, we value the personal interest and goodwill of subscribers not less than their dollars, and we shall welcome suggestions for the improvement of the B. C. M.—which we wish to make increasingly "The Community Service Magazine of the Canadian West."