

THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

FATHERHOOD OF GOD

"And He said; Let Us Make Man in Our Image and Likeness" Gen. 1:26.

By the Rev. Father Murray, of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Rock Island City

Sublime is that picture given us in the opening chapter of Genesis: There the Almighty is shown putting forth His power and calling into being the heavens and the earth and all the furniture of them. It is that very sublime picture sublimity reaches its highest when all things are ready, when the heavens and the earth and the Father, calling on the Son and the Holy Spirit, rises up before us.

You will agree with me that it is perhaps you will ask how we are to know that it is on the Son and on the Holy Spirit He is calling. The answer is easy enough. Why does He call? What does He say? "Let us make Man." He is calling them to an act of creation. You know creatures can in no wise contribute to a creative act, and therefore it would be useless for them to do so. Therefore it is on the Son and on the Holy Ghost the Father is calling.

That God first created the heavens and the earth has a teaching for us. It teaches us that God made preparation for man's creation. And when we consider the nature of man we see the necessity of that preparation. What man do with his hands, to breathe, water to drink, food to eat, light to guide him, heat to warm him? Hence it is a just conclusion that the world in which we live was designed and created to be a dwelling place for man—to nourish our bodies with its abundant fruits and to teach us the magnificence, the beauty and the goodness of God.

God made man to a certain plan. What was the plan? God said: "Let Us make man to Our Image and Likeness." You would have me tell you what is meant by the image and likeness of God. I shall let the apostle, Saint Paul, explain. These are his words: "God, in His image, made man, and in His likeness, created him." "Who being the brightness of His glory and the figure of His substance." "Enough, the Greek word which is here rendered into English by the word 'figure' means the express image, the most perfect resemblance. And it is of Jesus Christ who was crucified Saint Paul speaks. Therefore, God, the Holy Ghost, made man in His image and likeness to Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is also the likeness of the Father because He is a distinct Person, and likeness implies a distinction of person. He is a distinct Person, and likeness implies a distinction of person. He is a distinct Person, and likeness implies a distinction of person.

THE HOLY GHOST, speaking through Saint Paul, tells us we are the Sons of God. "For we are all the children of God by faith in Jesus Christ." The sublime dignity of the Son of God is given to each one of us. What blessing could be imparted to a creature greater than to be a son of God? None. We may not catch the full meaning of all these blessings were we allowed a choice. How glad should we be that we, with all our faults, are God's children! Great are our aspirations, but they can go no higher than this. God's children then we are and God's children we wish to be that He may care for us and love us forever. Let us dwell on the thought that God is our Father for it is a thought most ennobling and most consoling; we wish to be noble and we crave for consolation. With this thought in our hearts we may go through trials and through death and be not afraid, for our Father is Master over life and over death. We know the meaning of the name of father, we know how to know the love of a father and how to love him and we know that Jesus said "God Father." You know and I know that Jesus taught or rather commanded us to say "our Father Who art in Heaven." For the rest of our lives, then, we shall show Him the love of good children.

Speaking of the angels Saint Paul says: "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent to minister for them who shall receive the inheritance of salvation?" It is this that our glorious destiny, to be ministered to by the glorious angels of God, and to be always God's children? Who can tell the glory that is ours—the glory of the sons of God our Father? What an astonishing, what a glorious prospect! Are we then that of the royal family, whose rule shall never end? Here there comes to my mind the words of God in the beginning when He said of man "And let him have dominion over the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the air, and the beasts, and the whole earth, and every creeping thing that moveth upon the earth." So God made man a ruler from the beginning to rule with Him—all these things the Scripture tells us we are the heirs of Heaven and that we shall rule with God forever.

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THE CURRENT BRITISH WEEKLY prints an interesting interview with Dr. E. D. McLaren on the situation in Canada and the missionary work of the Presbyterian church. Dr. McLaren sails for Canada on Friday of this week and expects to be present at the Assembly. He has succeeded in securing a considerable addition to the staff of workers.

THE LEGAL FREE CHURCH has now about 100 congregations, and their General Assembly was held in St. John's Church, Edinburgh—the old church of Dr. Guthrie, which was dedicated by the decision of the Eight Commission. The Moderator was Rev. Murdoch Mackenzie, of Inverness. At the opening session, Professor Bannatyne said it would be hard to belong to a church that was everywhere spoken against, and he recalled that during the last few trying years their Assembly had been convened in some form to them by the decision of the Eight Commission. The Moderator was Rev. Murdoch Mackenzie, of Inverness. At the opening session, Professor Bannatyne said it would be hard to belong to a church that was everywhere spoken against, and he recalled that during the last few trying years their Assembly had been convened in some form to them by the decision of the Eight Commission.

CHURCH NOTES FOR BUSY MEN.

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ROMAN CATHOLIC.

ARCHBISHOP BRUCHESI on Saturday evening, June 1, addressed the Montreal Women's Temperance Union and is thus reported in the Star: "This was a work to which all good citizens might apply themselves irrespective of their religious creed or national affection. In an extremely interesting manner His Grace told of his crusade against strong liquor. He detailed the formation of societies in the parishes and towns and cities of his archdiocese and the great numbers that had in this manner been induced to give up the drink habit, and of the encouraging reports that were constantly coming in from the reverend fathers thus engaged as well as from the parish priests who also had evinced a most commendable zeal in the great work. The Archbishop also returned the most touching thanks to the progress that the movement had made in the Roman Catholic schools of the city, as well as in the educational establishments of the rural districts. He thanked God for the success that had been attained amongst the future fathers and mothers of this province. The drinking habit, His Grace maintained, was brought about either from a lack of temperance propagation in the schools of our land or because a good example had not been found in the home circle. There were, in consequence, two lines to be pursued, the one positive and the other negative."

THE ANGLICAN.

AT A MISSIONARY meeting recently held in London, Lord Hugh Cecil declared that neither India, China nor Japan would be converted till Christianity was preached in their own languages. It was a disheartening thing, he added, that after so many years of work by the missions in India there was no native bishop there.

BISHOP CARMICHAEL of Montreal,

returned home a few days ago, after a lengthy visit to England and the continent, much improved in health.

BELICUS OF THOMAS A'BECKETT

and a statue of the Virgin Mary were carried through the streets of West London in procession on the occasion of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom. Some 5,000 persons took part. The decorations were of scarlet tulips and white narcissi—the colors of martyrdom.

THE DEAN OF CANTERBURY,

in response to a memorial, is endeavoring to shorten the ceremonial morning service. Many members regret that effort to hurry it through should rob it of its ornate character.

THE FORM OF SANCTIFIED

gambling known as the church bazaar traffic has claim cousinship with the hoary Yuletide custom observed at the parish schools of St. Peter's, Hants, where six boys and six girls from both Anglican and Nonconformist Sunday-schools cast dice for Bibles in the presence of the vicar and others. Dr. Robert Wilton, whose will the curious custom takes place—established it in 1675.

IN THE QUEBEC ANGLICAN

SYNOD, R. J. Meekon submitted a motion providing that the appointment of a clergyman to the curacy of a parish shall in future be made by the bishop, with the consent of the people of such parish. A clergyman could refuse or accept an appointment, but a parish had to take the pastor sent them. After the matter had been well discussed, it was decided upon vote to refer it to a special committee. It was notable that while the clergy were divided on the question, they having one of a majority opposing the appointment of the committee to consider the matter, the laity carried the same by a very large majority.

THE PRESBYTERIANS.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Chicago, of which Rev. Dr. Morrison, formerly of this city, is pastor, will erect a railway mission S. School, costing \$100,000. It is an "institutional" school which will develop into a church.

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DR. JOSEPH PARKER, the immediate predecessor of R. J. Campbell as minister of the First Baptist Church, will be here, having other growing and struggling men, had my fears and doubts, my momentary hesitations and self-estimations, but my central faith in the Trinity God, in the Atonement of Christ, in the Deity of the Holy Spirit, in the immortality of the soul, in the inspiration and the authority of the Holy Scriptures, has never been shaken.

REV. JOHN BARKES, of Lewisham, has been appointed delegate to the Congregational Union meetings of Canada, which are to be held at Hamilton, Ontario, in June. Mr. Barkes will be the bearer of the letter drawn up by the Congregational Union of England, Wales, and the Colonial Missionary Society, on the matter of the union of the Methodist and Congregational Churches of the Dominion.

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of the Congregational Union in City Temple, London, which has just closed its sittings, the President, elect, in his inaugural address, made statements which called forth many manifestations of dissent. Among these Rev. Robert Bell, in a paper read, referring to the unrest in theological circles: "Evangelicalism has not met the situation of the world as it has just closed behind the surface. No recent utterance would have set the hearer on fire if that hearer had not been already as dry as a bone. There has been a decline in theological preaching certain doctrines had fallen into disuse. The flames of hell had been kindled. Because of the punishment was impossible, no doctrine of future

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REV. DR. HUTCHINSON OF KANSAS NEW PRESIDENT OF ACADIA COLLEGE

WOLFEVILLE, N. S., June 10.—The governors of Acadia College, in session on Thursday elected as the new president of Acadia the Rev. William B. Hutchinson, D. D., now pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lawrence, Kansas. The president elect is a native of Great Village, Colchester county, N. S., and was graduated from Acadia in the class of 1888, being the classmate of Dr. Austen K. DeBelle of Chicago. He took his M. A. from Acadia in 1890, his D. D. from Rochester and his D. D. from Ottawa University, Kansas. Dr. Hutchinson was an exceptionally able student at Acadia, taking first rank in all subjects, especially leading his classes. He studied theology at McMaster, Newton and Rochester, which gave him breadth of view and a general knowledge of the leading teachers in these schools. About eighteen years ago he became pastor of the First Baptist church in Topeka, Kansas, where he remained 12 years, afterward becoming pastor of Lawrence, Mo., upon the moving of the Kansas State University. He is one of the governors of the Ottawa University, Kansas, and a member of the state educational board. He is a wise counsellor and a man of excellent judgment and commanding influence. He is an able preacher and has in his congregation the president and many of the professors and students of the State University. He is a man of fine presence and breadth of culture, having always been an earnest student especially along the lines of biblical archaeology, current theology, psychology and church history. His ripe scholarship, his earnestness of purpose, his untiring energy, his high rank as a preacher and