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Kikuyu Controversy
To Be Reopened Soon

Bishop of Zanzibar to take up the Question with the English Church Dignitaries.

Is Serious Split Imminent?

London, Feb. 12.—Interest continues to grow in the controversy arising out of an incident in the obscure African village of Kikuyu. Some think it may lead either to the disruption of the Church of England or to its disestablishment. These are possibilities with which the church is now faced in consequence of what has come to be known as the "Kikuyu incident," and everything depends on the wisdom and tact with which the situation is handled by the Archbishop of Canterbury and other high ecclesiastics.

The question is indeed the old one of the cleavage between the sacerdotalist party of the church and the "low" or Protestant party, and it is now raised in even more acute form than it was at the time of the Oxford movement, which ended in the secession of Cardinal Newman and many other able and earnest English clergy men and laymen to Rome. The situation is even more serious now than it was then, for the High Church or "Roman" party, was then, numerically at least, trifling. To-day is included a majority of the clergy and a substantial number of the laity. The High Church clergy are undoubtedly the ablest and most active and the laity who follow them are the most earnest. Another strong minority of the laity are actively and enthusiastically Protestant, but the great bulk of the laity are indifferent, and will follow the party that comes out on top in the present matter.

The Cause of It

Now what is the trouble all about? Kikuyu, which is likely to go down in church history with Oxford, Lambeth, Trent and other places which have given their names to landmarks in the progress of the church, is an obscure settlement in British East Africa. It is the centre of a mission field in which in addition to Roman Catholics, missionaries of almost all the Protestant sects are working. Mahometan missionaries are also at work and the Christian workers found that their progress in winning converts among the natives was greatly handicapped by the divisions among themselves.

Accordingly, about six months ago a conference of all the Protestant missionaries—I use "Protestant" for convenience to include the Church of England, although the High Church party repudiate the term—was called to try to work out a common basis of Christianity which all might teach to the natives and which would be non-controversial. The missionaries met and fraternized and came to the conclusion that there was not much difference after all among their various creeds. They agreed on a basis which included as its main planks the acceptance of the Nicene creed, belief in the divinity of Christ and salvation through faith.

Open Communion

So far there was no trouble. At the conclusion of the conference, however, a communion service was held in a Presbyterian mission church, which, by the way, was the only building available. All the missionaries attended and the sacrament was administered to all by Doctor Willis, the Anglican Bishop of Uganda, assisted by Doctor Peel, the Bishop of Mombasa. This "open communion," as it is called, is the rock on which the church threatens to split.

News of what had happened came to the ears of Doctor Weston, the Bishop of Zanzibar, who is an extreme High Churchman, and he at once cried out that an ecclesiastical

crime had been committed and that the Bishops of Uganda and Mombasa were guilty of heresy. Their heresy consisted, in the eyes of the sacerdotalists, in admitting to the sacrament persons who were not baptized or confirmed and who, therefore, technically were not Christians. It may be explained that under the High Church interpretation of the laws of the Church of England, no one who has not been ordained by a bishop, who in his turn has received his consecration by Apostolic succession, is competent to administer baptism or confirmation. In admitting Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists and Quakers to Communion, therefore the bishops were guilty of heresy.

Action Begun

The Bishop of Zanzibar at once set the ball in motion. He wrote to the Bishop of St. Albans, who is one of the leaders of the High Church party, asking him to join in asking the Archbishop of Canterbury to take action. Just what action he desired was not stated, but it is evident that a heresy trial is the only thing that will satisfy the High Churchmen, and it is also evident that the Protestant party in the church feel that the present is as good a time as any other for them to make a stand.

Hardly had the Bishop of Zanzibar's letter been published when the Bishop of Durham declared that if his brothers of Mombasa and Uganda were heretic he, too, was one, and would be glad to share any punishment meted out to them. He was supported by his dean, Dr. Hensley Henson, one of the most famous preachers in the church, and by many others. At the head of the High Church party is Dr. Gore, the Bishop of Oxford, who is pressing for a heresy trial, and who declares that no Catholic churchman can remain in communion with the African bishops who so flagrantly transgressed the rules and traditions of the church.

Is Keeping Quiet.

This is regarded by the bulk of the church membership as a veiled threat of secession to Rome in case the archbishop supports the African bishops. So far Dr. Davidson, the Archbishop of Canterbury, has given no sign of his attitude and it is unlikely that he will betray his position until he is forced to do so, for he has a great reputation as a diplomat and an apostle of compromise.

Almost as important as the cause of the dispute itself is the form of the trial. The Bishops of Zanzibar, Oxford and St. Albans demand that the two bishops shall be tried before a court composed of the Archbishops of Canterbury and his co-provincial bishops.

They base this demand on the perfectly reasonable ground that a charge of theological heresy should be tried by a court of theologians. Canon law experts; however, declare that no such court is known to the English Church and that the only court competent to try a charge of heresy is the judicial committee of the privy council, a body composed chiefly of superannuated judges who may be churchmen or atheists and who certainly are not theologians.

The fact is that the Church of England is established by law and that the king is its head. Even the prayer book, including the thirty-nine articles, is a schedule of the act of uniformity, and not a word can be changed except by act of parliament. The king as head of the church delegates his judicial functions to the judicial committee and this, therefore, is the only competent court in a heresy trial.

May Cause Disestablishment.

If this is good law, and there seems to be little doubt that it is, Kikuyu may lead to the severance of church and state in England. The High Churchmen declare that they will never submit to the trial of a question involving the most fundamental doctrines of their faith by a court the members of which may even not be Christians and in that they will have the support of a large section of the broad and low churchmen among the laity. It is quite likely that this phase of the question which has just arisen may overshadow the "heresy" of the bishops.

In any case there seems to be wide divergence of opinion among churchmen as to the law regarding the "heresy." The High Church party maintain that the Anglican Church is a branch of the Catholic Church and

must follow the practice of the Roman and Eastern orthodox branches, which, of course, are opposed to "open communion."

They argue that, instead of making for Christian unity "open communion" as practiced at Kikuyu, while perhaps promoting friendship with the English non-conformists, cuts the church off from all hope of reunion with the two great historic churches which embrace the vast majority of Christendom.

The Protestant party assert that the church is a purely Protestant one and severed itself definitely, both as regards doctrine and practice, from Rome at the reformation. They welcome anything which will emphasize this severance and make more difficult the reunion with Rome so much desired by the High Churchmen. They also point out that "open communion" has been practiced without rebuke by the English church at various times during the last 200 years. Many of them go so far as to declare that the episcopacy is not an essential feature of the church, but is merely a convenient form of church government which might be abolished at any time in favor of the Presbyterian or Congregational system, without any violation of the doctrine of the church.

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CASSIDY AND DOOLIN ON CIVIC MATTERS

Cassidy is one of the men who leave their homes about twenty minutes to seven in the morning to proceed to work. At that hour, Cassidy says, beaver hats are conspicuous by their absence, members of the Upper House are in the lands of dreams, and legislators in general are turning over for their second nap, while the ladies who comprise the Current Events Club are endeavoring to arouse their domestic help into a state activity by emitting violent shrieks which penetrate the ears of snoring "Mary Ann."

Cassidy says, that at twenty minutes to seven, the hills seem to be far more slippery than at noon, and if a fellow tumbles there is a very slim chance of being conveyed to the hospital, because even the duckydum quadraped, which drags the ambulance, is at that hour also dreaming of happy days when he was a filly foal.

This being the case Cassidy would suggest that the sanitary department cause ashes to be sprinkled on the hills, and thereby make it possible to descend to the business portion of the city, without receiving compound fracture of the brain. Cassidy is a lover of sport, but he believes in protecting lives, and would also suggest, that boys who slide on the sidewalks of the hills, would refrain from bowling people over at meal hours, and he asks them to desist in their dangerous amusement at this particular time.

Cassidy says he wouldn't mind being fatally injured by coming into violent collision with a train, because there is a tinge of heroism about it, and you're likely to have a fine funeral and a lot of artificial flowers on your coffin, if you depart in that fashion; but if you're killed by a "bravo," steered by a youngster with blue eyes, you come in for very little sympathy from the general public.

Cassidy would also like to say a word or two about clearing the ice off the sidewalks on Water Street. In his opinion 't would be better not to touch them at all than to half do the job.

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Cassidy says these are small matters compared with the "Mexican Uprising," but to him and men like him they are of sufficient importance to need attention.

—DAN DOOLIN.

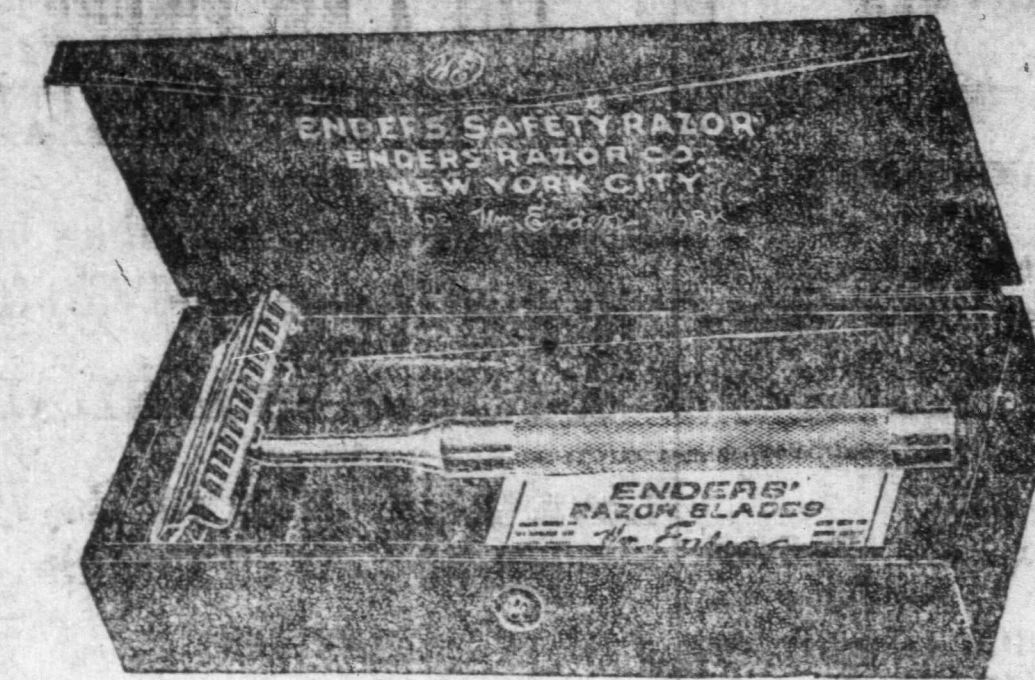
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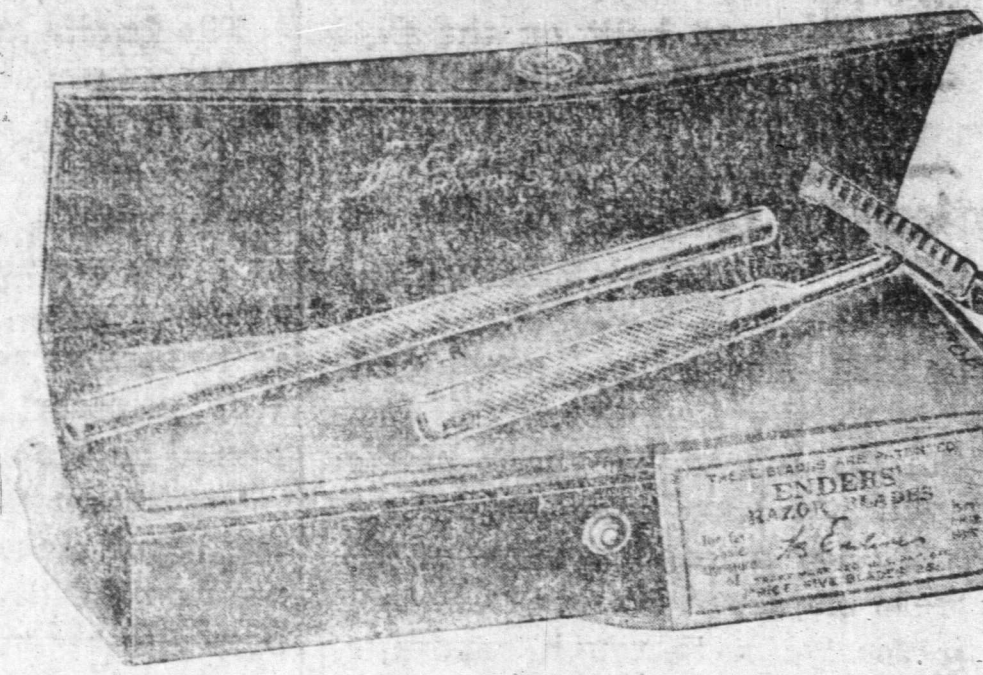
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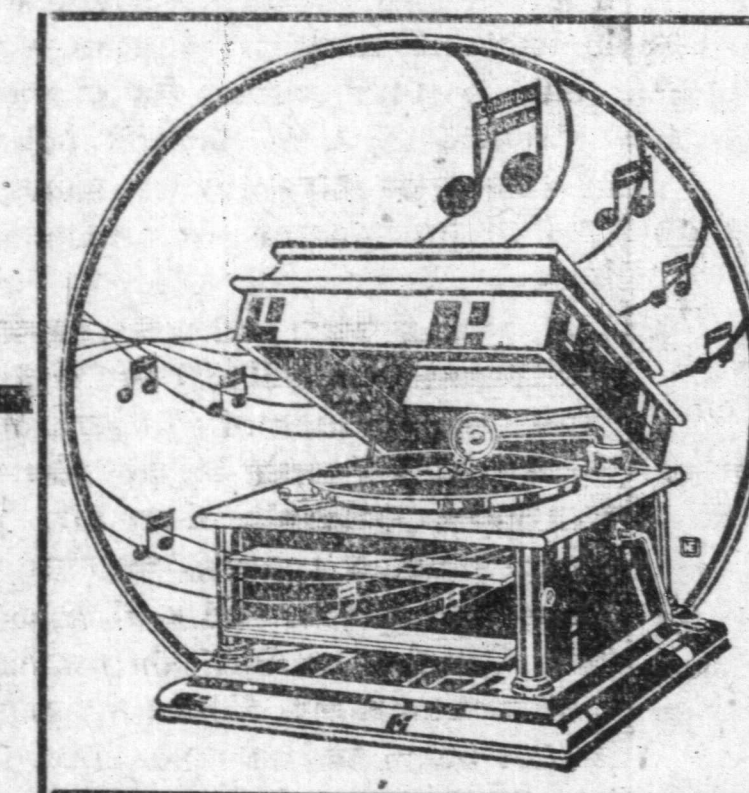
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