

HE REPUDIATES IDEA OF HELL.

Perhaps no divine has been talked about in England in recent years more than Dr. Agar Beet, the great Methodist theologian, late dean of the Wesleyan College at Richmond. Dr. Beet has recently resigned his professorship because of a principal, the basis of which is, to put it in his own words:

"I cannot believe in a material hell and everlasting torment."

Not the least interesting feature of the situation is that many of the Methodist authorities do not take any active exception to Dr. Beet's beliefs. In fact, he accuses them of agreeing with him in secret. They were willing to have him continue as head of the Wesleyan College if he would suppress one of his books, "The Last Things," dealing with his views on the future life. The great Methodist journals of England have taken sides as to whether or not Dr. Beet should have been let alone. Even Hugh Price Hughes, when president of the Methodist conference, in a signed article, maintained that Dr. Beet's views in no way detracted from his evangelical orthodoxy.

WESLEY'S HELL A MYTH.

The significance of this was made apparent in a recent talk with Dr. Beet in his home at the Wesleyan College, in which he told us why his conscience no longer allowed him to keep from the world the written reasons for his belief that the material hell of John Wesley is a myth.

"We must have grown in theology as in other things," said Dr. Beet. "Why, a hundred years ago it was believed that infants were punished after death! Much of what we now recognize as error has always been mixed with truth."

"In fact," continued Dr. Beet, "the natural immorality of the wicked is not a Christian doctrine at all; it has been incorporated in Christian theology from the Platonic philosophers, but no proof of its truth is to be found in Scripture."

"Does this step of yours in any way affect your loyalty to the Methodist church?" I asked Dr. Beet.

"I will tell you frankly," he replied, "that the events of the last eight years have compelled me to revise my estimate of some members of the Church. They are not bad people, but they are timid, and in great stress and anxiety, they are merely about 'last things,' but about the authority of the Bible and other things. We cannot escape the difficulty by trying to hold intact the traditions of the past."

Godly ministers have nursed their doubts in silence, some under a sense of guilt for concealing their change of views, until the need for concealment has become to them a humiliating and intolerable bondage. In some cases even men have not dared to think, lest the thought they dared not utter should make them the more conscious of their bondage. "And is it possible that such sentiments are at all general?"

"This doubt and fear or widespread there has been a retreat from the position held by our fathers along the whole line; for the most part in darkness and solitude. Of all this I have abundant and pathetic proof. Only this concealment has hidden from the public gaze the extent and direction of the retreat."

"I feel this position to be utterly dishonest," continued Dr. Beet. "We conceal our opinions. I wrote a clerical friend who had congratulated me upon the stand I had taken. He didn't answer. Many of these men hold the same opinions that I do, but they are afraid of the people."

NOT A CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE.

"What opinions of yours is it, I asked, "to which so strong objection has been taken?"

"The Bible does not say definitely what will be the fate of the wicked. I am sure it does not teach categorically their endless suffering. My recent studies of the early fathers convince me that they did not hold it."

While there are some passages in the Scriptures that seem to suggest conscious suffering, there are many others that contradict that view, and the absence of distinct and definite teaching I do not believe that we have any right to dogmatize."

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ROMANCE OF A RECLUSE.

One of the most pathetically romantic careers known is recalled by the news that letters of administration have been granted to the estate of Captain George Lindsay Anthony Wilson who died at Folkestone worth something over \$150,000.

The son of Sir John Wilson, who at one time commanded the forces in Ceylon, he seemed to have the world at his feet. But his brilliant career (says The London Leader) was cut short by the disclosure of a dark secret.

Rich, handsome, and a favorite, he was educated at Cambridge, became a captain in the Guards, and traveled across the world. He was in the best society, and in his young days often visited Buckingham Palace. In fact, an oil painting of a dog which Queen Victoria gave to him long hung in the dining-room at his Alexandra-gardens house in Folkestone.

With the death of his father and the inclosure which altered his whole life. He learnt for the first time that he was illegitimate and that the beautiful woman who lived with his father, and whom he had always known as his aunt, was his mother. The news was a terrible blow, and the favorite of royalty and society cut himself adrift from everybody and sought solace in seclusion. He threw up his commission in the Guards and attended only by a few servants, went to live on a small estate in Brentwood, which with a huge fortune in consols and property, had been left to him by his father.

But he made no attempt to keep the place in order; horses and other animals roamed about at will, and

the property was rapidly going to rack and ruin. Then, people thinking that his queer conduct amounted almost to madness, communicated with the Lord Chancellor, and presently the rich recluse found himself in Brentwood Asylum. His friends, however, exerted themselves to such an extent that his immediate release was ordered.

Naturally Mr. Wilson was angered at his treatment, and, but for the fact that an action would have given to the world the story of his birth, he would have taken proceedings against the people who had brought about his incarceration.

As it was, the experience made Brentwood so objectionable that Wilson, leaving his horses, the carriages and other property to take care of themselves, moved to Folkestone. Taking the name of George Boreham, he first settled in Boverie square, his only attendant being his faithful housekeeper, Miss Mary Campbell, and a manservant. Here his life was more rigidly blank than ever. He sought no company, rarely went out, and only when night had fallen. The house and its owner were shrouded in mystery. Then came his death and the giving to the world of the recluse's secret.

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THE INDEMNITY INCREASE.

Dr. G. S. Ryerson presided at the opening meeting of the season of the North Toronto Conservative Association at Simpson's Hall, Toronto, Friday night. Mr. Emerson Coatsworth, Ald. Church, Mr. C. A. B. Brown and others were invited to seats in the platform, and the principal speaker was Hon. Geo. E. Foster, who, the chairman said, would give the meeting an account of his stewardship.

Mr. Foster devoted considerable time to an explanation of the reasons why he thought it was not possible for parliament to do the business of the country in less than five or six months each year, and discussed the question of public ownership, the principal of which he declared himself in favor of.

Toucing upon the tariff question, Mr. Foster insisted that a definite principle should be laid down, and, speaking for himself and the Conservative party, that policy should be the production within the Dominion by Canadian labor out of Canadian material, so far as was possible, of all that we required. He warned his fellow Conservatives that, although the Liberal government professed a similar belief, there was need for vigilance on the part of the sentinels on the watch tower of protection. In

compromise with their conscience, the Liberals, who "hated bounties as the saint hates the devil," had not only maintained the bounties which the Conservatives imposed temporarily, but had extended them. The Conservatives, he asserted, did not want a prohibitory tariff, but they did want a moderate, an "adequate" tariff—he stuck to the word "adequate," it was a good one—which would secure to their own people the benefit of producing what we required. An amendment was required to the immigration law, so that a good class of immigrants only, that could be easily assimilated, would come into the Dominion.

ABSENTEE CLASS OF MEMBERS.

"Is parliament proving itself more efficient in dealing with its work?" was the academic question asked by Mr. Foster, and which was immediately answered by Mr. Kirkpatrick. "They are better paid now, and they ought to be better."

Branching off, Mr. Foster incidentally administered a severe rebuke upon his colleagues, Mr. E. B. Osler and Mr. W. F. Maclean, by protesting most emphatically and earnestly against the growth in parliament of an "absentee" class of members, who

do not remain in attendance at the house for the consideration and discussion of important public business. The speaker was criticized for its initiative, and the frequency of its adjournment, which Mr. Foster deplored, and which he regarded as a very good reason, if it continued, for the removal of the senate altogether.

THE INCREASED INDEMNITY.

With reference to the increase in indemnity, Mr. Foster recalled the saying of Sir Wilfrid in opposition: "The gods at Ottawa give it to us," and he adapted the expression of the present in power at Ottawa have given us these things, and I suppose that we must be content," he added.

There were cries of "Oh, oh," and "this is a bad thing," the speaker aroused Mr. Foster, who declared that every man that sat in parliament had allowed the bill to go through without objection and must take his share of the responsibility of the vote and the consequences that came from it. Whether the man in question signed the round robin or did not, he was responsible for it. The only way that the indemnity could be increased was by a vote of the members.

Mr. Kirkpatrick—A very agreeable way for the members.

Mr. Foster—It is a matter for discussion and it is all right; the people can think it over and do as they please about it.

Mr. Kirkpatrick—Exactly so. That is what they will do next time.

A Vote is insisted upon. The money—North Toronto is proud of you, anyway. (Applause.)

JUSTIFIED THE INCREASE.

Mr. Foster justified placing the indemnity at \$2,500, and contended that a less amount would not indemnify members for their losses. At the same time he insisted that the cost of elections should not be taken into account in fixing the amount. If there were not men in parliament who could not earn \$2,500 elsewhere, it was the duty of the electors who sent them, and it was the duty of the constituencies to grade up their representatives. The assertion that the people were the only ones who were such a figure that under no circumstances would parliament be closed to the poor man was greeted with applause.

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BORDEN RETURNS.

Talks of Military Matters and Wants Drill in the Public Schools.

Ottawa, Oct. 10.—Sir Frederick Borden returned to the city yesterday from his trip to the Pacific coast. Being interviewed he said: "I found the military situation where we went, without any exception, Canadian from the east and from the west and old country people, in their enthusiasm. There is an amount of material in the west just waiting for the opportunity to be enrolled in the active militia for the defence of Canadian integrity."

"As the mounted police are withdrawn from active duty as they have been doing in the districts which have now been settled and which withdrawal, I suppose, will immediately take place, the active militia must be increased in numbers and details of the permanent force established as teaching depots and centres."

"One thing I did when out in the west was to discuss with the government of Manitoba and British Columbia the question of co-operation with the militia department to bring about physical training in the schools beginning at the very beginning of the boy's education to educate the body as well as the mind. I found both governments most sympathetic and prepared to co-operate, and I am most hopeful that we will be able to get together and agree upon some plan to be adopted in all the provinces by which the local authorities will insist upon every teacher requiring certain qualifications and in the larger schools the militia department will supply teacher-sergeants in the militia for the purpose."

DELEGATES TO ST. JOHN.

Rev. J. H. McDonald and Dr. H. C. Cross led today to attend the national conference of the Baptist and Free Baptist Churches, which opens there today. Revs. Dr. McLeod and A. B. Ridout, who will also attend the convention, are now in St. John.

FOR THE OVERWORKED.—What are the causes of despondency and melancholy? A disordered liver is cause and a prime one. A disordered liver means a disordered stomach, and a disordered stomach means disturbance of the nervous system. This brings the whole body into subjection and the victim feels sick all over. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills are a recognized remedy in this state and relief will follow their use.

CHARLOTTETOWN SENSATION.

Priest Who Proposes Impartial Administration of Prohibitory Law.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Oct. 10.—Rev. James Simpson, an Episcopal clergyman, is out with a letter to the evening papers concerning the treating section amendment of the prohibition act. He says he has secured the opinion of eminent Ontario lawyers who contend that to give or dispose of any intoxicating liquor in any other place not herein before specially mentioned in the act covers everything, including the giving of the sacrament in church, treating in private houses or elsewhere and placing wine on the table at parties.

In order to test this he had laid information against himself for giving the holy communion and has challenged the prosecutor to proceed against him.

He has also laid information against a committee of the city council whom he alleges provided liquid refreshments for Prince Louis in the city building and also intends to lay information against those who supplied similar refreshments to the prince and officers at the athletic sports.

Mr. Simpson claims that if a poor man is fined \$100 for treating a friend then it must cost the city fathers a like amount for treating a friend.

It is generally considered that Mr. Simpson is taking an extreme view of the clause, the retention of which is to prevent the giving of the provisions of the act by the giving away of intoxicating liquors.

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Harvey Station, Oct. 9.—Station Agent David DeWitt, met with an accident on Saturday which will lay him up for a few days.

It appears that one of the men belonging to the survey party which is working here had returned from hunting partridges and stopped in the railway yard to talk to Mr. DeWitt. His gun loaded with shot, he shot striking the rail glanced off and struck Mr. DeWitt on the legs, inflicting a number of nasty wounds. The Kells who was in attendance at once took out 1/4 shot from above and below the knees of both legs and expects that Mr. DeWitt will be all right again in a week or ten days. Mr. Belyea, the hunter, was also slightly wounded on the legs by the flying shots.

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BITS OF NEWS.

Items of Interest Culled from Our Exchanges and Other Sources.

Mr. J. Carter, U. S. consul at Yarmouth, N. S., died suddenly Monday. He was in his usual health the previous evening. He leaves a wife and one daughter, and had been U. S. consul there about three years, coming from St. John's, Nfld.

At ten per cent. the estate of the late Mr. W. H. Murray will pay over \$60,000 in succession duties to the province. It would not be surprising if the estate of the late Mr. L. P. Fisher of Woodstock, who also died childless, should be taxed at least \$40,000. The sum of \$1008,000 will be quite an addition to the provincial revenues.

The lumber mills, a quantity of lumber, boarding house and dwelling house of the manager, R. H. Wing, and several other houses belonging to the Tracadie Lumber Co., at Tracadie, Gloucester Co., were totally destroyed by fire Sunday. The property was owned by an American company, and employed a large number of men. The insurance is \$122,000.

The British consulate at Monastir, Turkey, has received a package containing a human ear which, a letter accompanying the package, declares was cut from an Englishman named Willis, recently employed by the Turkish revenue department. Willis was captured by brigands some months ago, and the letter threatens that he will be murdered unless a ransom of \$5,000 be paid by October 14.

Messrs. Brown Bros., the contractors for the repairs on the Central railway, are reported to be making

good progress, and to have more than 100 men at work on the road. Thirty miles have been cleaned and ditched to date. The new steam shovel is at work at Arundale, and at Washdenoak a pile-driver is being employed at the bridge. The tressels are being filled in, and the latest report shows 600 feet made solid and completed.

Peter McManus, a young man of 25 years of age, met with a very painful and most unfortunate accident Monday morning. He was driving with his neighbor, Harry DeForest, near Waterford, King's County, when a shot gun which was in the wagon between the two men discharged, striking McManus in the right arm between the elbow and shoulder. The muscle and flesh were almost blown off and the bone terribly shattered. He may lose his arm.

Basil Reed, the fourteen-year old son of B. B. Reed, of West Tremont, Maine, was accidentally shot by Roy Eaton, a schoolmate, while the two were gunning for ducks Saturday. The boys were in a naphtha launch, and Eaton had just fired at a bird when he dropped the gun and the second barrel was discharged. The charge struck young Reed full in the breast, knocking him overboard. He was dead when he was taken from the water.

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