

### NO OPPOSITION AT SPRACKLIN MEETING, BUT POLICE ATTEND

#### Unsigned Letter Received by Chairman Threatened Harm To Speaker.

Contrary to expectations, the meeting in Hale Street Methodist Church, addressed by Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin, famous for his operations against illegal liquor traffic on the Essex border, was free of heckling. Several policemen were present, but their services were not required. Police found signs which had been posted previous to the meeting inviting citizens to "bring eggs" with them, and Rev. L. W. Reid had received an unsigned letter inclosing a mutilated picture of the speaker and telling of the awful fate that awaited him if he dared to speak.

Mr. Spracklin said that he had had a rather stormy passage during the past few months, but at last had got safely into port.

**Press Largely Fair.**

Regarding the press, he said that he had received very fair treatment everywhere, but that there were a few exceptions. The liquor element, he stated, wanted a quiet campaign. The bootlegger and the rumrunner howled when the searchlight was turned on them. Not for one moment did the speaker doubt that the province would vote dry on April 18. He hoped that John Barleycorn would never lift his head again. The man who put his "X" in the "No" column was standing in the "Yes" column, and he had taken place on

the Essex border.

If an act here to find fault with the victim of the liquor trade," he explained, and added that he was fighting the liquor interests and the Citizens Liberty League.

There had been a lot of talk about Government control, but the vote on April 18 was in no way connected with the matter.

In 1919 the people had to vote "No" to abolish liquor, but now they had to vote "Yes" to get the same result. "It is wonderful how they can manipulate it," he remarked.

**High Profits Tempting.**

"If the Citizens' Liberty League was in favor of government control, then the 'dry' would be safe in opposing it," declared Sandwich pastor.

There were a lot of good people in Sandwich, he said, and there were a lot of bad ones, and there were a lot of good people in the Border Cities. Some Londoners, he ventured to say, would have been in the whiskey business if they had lived in Sandwich and been tempted by the high profits.

During the period that the importation into the province was stopped, the O. T. A. was in force, very little liquor was sold in Detroit, but when importation was allowed, Mr. Spracklin could see as many as four loads a day coming past his house. He said that he thought it a shame that not one man in the Federal House was big enough to

**Close Flood Gates.**

In order to clean up the province it was first necessary to close the flood gates against the liquor traffic, and then to use the mop.

I do not believe that it is possible to enforce the O. T. A. as long as you allow the hydrant to run in Montreal and allow the short circuit in the province.

Seventy-five per cent of the inmates of the asylums were there through drink, and 80 per cent of the men participating in the crime were men who took liquor, he said.

He quoted figures to show that in "wet" states in the United States in 1914 the people were not so wealthy as their brothers living in a "dry" state. He asserted that one boy in every eight was required to keep the liquor interests going.

**Conditions Were Rotten.**

There were, he stated, rotten conditions along the border at the time he entered the Government's employ. "The charges I laid were the result of personal investigation in my own part," he said. Conditions had become so bad that more people were being ruined in one week than the speaker could save by preaching in a year.

On June 1, he appeared before the

concord and was promised an investigation. Later he studied the police committee in his charges, and told the council that if the matter was voted into the committee's hands he would have nothing further to do with it. When he didn't appear they said that Spracklin had not backed up his charges.

Then, he said, he worked every night, changing his clothes after he came home from church, and going out raiding hotels.

**Trough Terrible Trial.**

"I have traveled through a valley. I have gone through a terrible trial and dragged my wife and parents over the trail, to try to restore to Essex a measure of law and order."

He scored those persons who said that the referendum was a matter which would decide whether personal liberty was to be taken away from the individual. The Essex parson stated that when a man became a menace to society he must be prevented from being one any longer. He asked if anyone had heard of the Liberty League trying to do away with a speed limit, or the law against stealing or putting a family in quarantine.

"John Barleycorn, bandit, pirate, slayer, thief, will be executed by law, by the process of law, by a vote of the people," declared Mr. Spracklin.

### CHURCH UNION NEAR; BARRIERS GRADUALLY BEING BROKEN DOWN

#### Communication of Charles Jenkins to N. Y. Conference One of Special Interest.

#### SUGGESTED PROCEDURE

#### Late Petrolia Minister Outlined Growth of the Movement.

Charles Jenkins of Petrolia, whose death took place in December last, was a prominent member of the Synod of Huron. He was a very able man and took a great interest in church union.

In the beginning of December, 1919, a world conference on "Faith and Order" was held in New York. Mr. Jenkins was one of the delegates from the Anglican Church in Canada. Illness prevented him from attending, but he sent a letter to Rev. T. Manning, D.D., chairman, and Robert H. Gardiner, secretary of the executive committee, parts of which will doubtless be read with much pleasure by those interested. It is an able contribution to such an important subject, and is a course of this communication, Mr. Jenkins, after referring to the report of the deputation to Europe and the east, said:

"The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States is to be congratulated on having approached the eastern churches in this supremely important interest. It is in great contrast to the time when the western church of Europe refused assistance to the eastern Christians and the Turks overthrew the Byzantine Empire in 1453, which has led to the conditions which are the reply of the holy synod of the Church of Constantinople to the invitation to attend the Faith and Order conference, that the eastern church has been surrounded for two centuries by most unfavorable political conditions and has been under constant implacable persecutions."

The object of this paper is, however, to suggest a procedure to be considered by the Protestant bodies in this movement, and here it may be remarked that Protestantism is in no way opposed to Catholicism, and that the growth and development of Protestantism are all required for the full development of Catholicity.

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The effect and the growth and extension of Christianity in leading to its connection with the Roman Empire the development of monastic institutions, the civilization of the west, the rise of the feudal system, and the connection with the state in the various countries of Europe. The aids and the superintending power of Divine Providence.

A notable article on the historical significance of denominationalism by Rev. Dr. George W. Richards, which was given in the Christian Union Quarterly for April, 1919, is referred to by Mr. Jenkins as containing "an admirable account" of the division of the western church. "The sense of individual responsibility and personal rights had awakened in the human consciousness. The Reformers themselves caused a tremendous upheaval."

"Until they had exhausted themselves the various processes of division went on. The larger denominational bodies in the Protestant world, and all of the processes of subdivision, while a good many independent bodies were likewise organized."

"But for many years, a reaction has been in progress. The churches of the Reformation, whose glory it was to rediscover so much that is vital to Christianity in every age, are beginning to recognize that they are weaker than they were by remaining in corporate isolation from one another."

Mr. Jenkins then refers to the subdivision of the Protestant churches into various churches and how these divisions are now being united. Speaking of the Presbyterian Church, he says that "the original succession bodies in time reunited and became the United Presbyterian Church. Later on that body combined with the Free Church, constituting the United Free Church, and at present negotiations are going on between the United Free and the Established Church of Scotland with a view to complete union."

**Reunions in Progress.**

"Reunions in the Methodist body have taken place both east and west of the Atlantic. The same is the case with the Lutheran churches, and it is at once an inspiration and encouragement to know that the descendants of the Anglican churchmen and the stern Independents who fought at Marston Moor and Naseby are considering an approach towards unity. The time has come when the excessive individualism of the past is being modified."

"One consequence of the divisions in the Christian Church is the creation of so many separate bodies that it is impossible to have a common method of action—the virtue of the celebration is in the Christian faith of the reformation is that the only conditions of admission that require to be formulated are: First, that baptism membership is essential, and, second, that a declaration of belief, or creed as it may be called, is restricted by the safeguards set forth in Galatians, 1st chapter and 8th and 9th verses, should be adopted."

"Here it may be said that the clear definition given by creeds or articles of faith is necessary for the greater part of humanity, and that the Nicene and Athanasian creeds will be found of great service in dealing with the mentality of Oriental peoples."

"There ought to be, in the third place, an intelligent arrangement between the various bodies that enter into such an agreement."

"The advantage of promoting inter-communication is that it will assist in the work of unity as no other agency can. Knowledge and understanding, mutual toleration and charity will be promoted by it, which will further the work of general legislation and power of cooperative action in the larger work of the church of the world."

### WAGE QUESTION OF STREET RAILWAY IS LAID OVER A WEEK

#### Men's Union and Management Discuss Some Twenty-Five Working Clauses.

No agreement on a wage schedule was reached by the executive of the street railwaymen's union and management of the company Tuesday. The existing agreement consists of some 25 clauses relating to working conditions and other matters in addition to wages.

The discussion centered chiefly on these, and it is likely most of them will go in the new agreement unchanged.

Wages will be taken up at a meeting to be held next week.

### BIRD NOTES

(Contributed by Meliwrath Ornithological Club.)

The joy of living in these beautiful spring days is greatly increased to those who are nature lovers, and who observe the many wonderful things that are unfolded each day.

The first impulse of the bird student is to seek his favorite spots in the woods, perhaps a woods, a stream or pond, or again it may be the open field or roadway, all of which are likely to yield a pleasant surprise in the presence of some new arrival from the south.

There are, however, many interesting incidents occurring perhaps in our own garden which we should not overlook. The Flickers are busy house hunting, and if we would put up a nesting log for them there is every chance of being rewarded by having a pair accept it as their nesting place. These birds are very useful as insect eaters, and although Woodpeckers, they feed mostly on the ground, they are especially fond of ants. Their loud twittering can be heard everywhere at this nesting season; a favorite habit is calling a rolling tattoo on the metal of the roof. It is very amusing to watch the odd gestures of a pair of Flickers as they bob and bow to each other around the limb of a tree. The Robins and Blackbirds are lustily contending for the best nesting spots. If you are fortunate enough to have some evergreen trees nearby it is a beautiful sight to see the Robins go to bed just before dark. These cool nights before the other trees have spread their leaves, the evergreens are splendid shelters for the birds; probably several dozen Robins will enter a thick hedge and as is their first act at night, a song of joy.

The yellow-billed Sapsucker is a new arrival reported today. This bird is a Woodpecker, and usually nests in Northern Ontario. It is very fond of piercing holes in the bark of trees and sucking the sap that exudes. The Balm of Gilead poplar is its favorite tree.

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### TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL OPPOSE DAYLIGHT SAVING

#### Goes On Record Against Changing Time Almost Unanimously.

By an almost unanimous vote, the trades and labor council in a regular meeting on Wednesday night decided against daylight saving. As the result of this action a communication will be forwarded to the local Chamber of Commerce, with the information that at least 90 per cent of union labor in this city is opposed to changing time.

The council will make another endeavor to get together with the Chamber of Commerce for the formation of

an unemployment committee. This committee, if formed, is to consist of six representatives of labor and an equal number from the Chamber of Commerce, and it will act in an advisory capacity to the local employment bureau. The secretary of the council was instructed to forward a letter to the Chamber of Commerce expressing regrets that owing to the absence of the chairman of the appointed committee the representatives of the council were unable to co-operate with representatives from the Chamber of Commerce on two separate occasions in the past.

Two girls, employees of laundries in this city, will be sent to give evidence before the minimum wage board. This action will be taken as a result of a request sent out by the board that a girl should be sent to tell of conditions in London. Expenses of one of the girls will be paid, and the expenses of the other will be advanced by the local council.

The Labor Day souvenir will be prepared by R. J. Stevenson of Toronto. Several weeks ago tenders were called, but his tender was the only one received. After considerable discussion the work was awarded him.

Although there was much warm discussion little business of any importance was transacted.

**PERSONAL MENTION**

Mrs. K. McLennan of this city is the guest of Mrs. William Hills of Essex.

Sir John Willison of Toronto was a guest with Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Taylor, Prince avenue, while in the city yesterday.

A quiet but pretty wedding took place on Saturday, April 2, when Miss C. Agnes Ward of this city became the bride of Mr. Frederick E. Hamilton of Brantford. Ont. Miss Pearl Cushing acted as maid of honor, while Mr. E. Faulstich was best man. Rev. Father McKeon officiated. A large number of young couples will reside in this city.

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