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WORK FOR LAYMEN

A remark that was made by Sir Andrew Fraser before the Canadian Club, in given sufficient emphasis, might have a stimulating effect upon home mission work. He referred more than once to the "beautiful life" of the people in the villages of India, and declared that the visitor who comes to know the people will not fail to regard them with affection.

Can the same be said of life generally in our cities? Is it a beautiful life? Does it furnish evidence of the beneficent change wrought by what is termed evangelization? Do the scenes on the streets, the conditions in many homes, and the records of the police court form part of a beautiful life?

There can, of course, be only one answer to this question. Our missionaries cannot go to the heathen and tell them that the conditions in our cities are the conditions of the so-called Christian world. Hence, whatever the needs of the non-Christian races, there is a vast work to be done at home, to prove the efficacy of the remedy offered to those whose traditions have come down to them from a period prior to the dawn of the Christian era.

A laymen's missionary movement which would unite the best men of all the churches in a determined effort to apply perfectly well understood but too much neglected remedies to overcome glaring evils in our cities, would be of incalculable benefit. Humanity everywhere faces practical problems of growing complexity, and in the stress and struggle of life the appeal of religion, unless it is intensely practical, and unless it comes from an every-day church doing battle every day for the destruction of evil forces and the amelioration of the conditions under which men live in this world, will fall on unheeding ears.

FOOD FOR REFLECTION

The complacent belief that the orient is only awaiting a message from the western nations to accept their point of view in religion and philosophy is not shared by Prof. Edward A. Ross, of the University of Wisconsin, who has returned from China, where he went to study social conditions.

Prof. Ross produces ample evidence of the sentiment of the Chinese mind, and the remarkable facility with which the young men acquire a technical education. Then he makes this significant statement: "To forty-three men who as educators, missionaries, and diplomats have had good opportunity to learn the 'feel' of the Chinese mind I put the question, 'Do you find the intellectual capacity of the yellow race equal to that of the white race?' All but five answered 'Yes,' and one sinologue of varied experience as missionary, university president, and legion adviser told me gasping with the statement, 'Most of us who have spent twenty-five years or more out here come to feel that the yellow race is the normal human type, while the white race is a sport.' The trend of opinion is that when the Chinese have become equipped with the western art and science they will match us in intellectual performance, although some think that the gap in ability between the masses and the higher classes is much wider than it is in the west."

Prof. Ross further declares that superior white men of long residence in China become greatly influenced by oriental modes of thought. "In the finer Chinese," he says, "they discover an outlook more comprehensive than their own, a broad tolerance and a philosophic patience that makes mock of the eager and impetuous west." Then he sums up the situation thus: "Since the discovery of America the west-European whites have over-run the West Indies, the Americas, Australia, Africa, the islands of the sea, and southern Asia, while their east-European brethren have occupied northwestern and northern Asia. During this expansion the whites have encountered hundreds of races and peoples before unknown to them; but in all this time they never met a race that could successfully dispute their military superiority, contribute to their civilization, or dispense with their direction in political or industrial organization. Now, after three centuries of such experience, during which the white man has grown accustomed to regarding himself as the undisputed sovereign of the planet, he makes the acquaintance of peoples in eastern Asia who threaten to spread into areas he had staked off for himself. In any case it begins to appear that the future bearers and advanced of civilization will not be the whites alone, but the white and yellow races and the control of the globe will lie in the hands of two races instead of one."

This reminds us that an eminent Japanese writer has predicted that the people of his country will take Christianity and the other world-religions and out of them bring into being a universal religion for mankind.

An attempt is to be made to embarrass the British government by discussing the affair of Italy and Tripoli.

The Standard attempts to belittle Dr. Pugsley and Mr. Carvell in the matter of the St. John Valley Railway. Nevertheless the road will extend from St. John to Grand Falls, connect with the Grand Trunk Pacific, and be operated as part of the Intercolonial. The Hazen government

KING COB (TEA) You'll like the flavor

FOR NIGHT FEARS (M. L. A. in the Glasgow Herald.) Some one's awake in the sleepy house. The stairs are talking, and all the floors; And the waucost talks, where a thrifty mouse.

Something's awake on the sleepy lawn, Where poplars gossip of coming rain. And the wind that comes to the grass at dawn.

With news from the hills grown light about. More ghostly there than it is in here! But they're not afraid of the dark, my dear.

Somewhere there's always a light about. A watch-fire burns on the broken road; On the river ships hang their lanterns out; So long as the yellow "hair-moon" glows.

Who ever wanted a song for fear? (But I am afraid of the dark, my dear!)

IN LIGHTER VEIN



OPEN HAPPENS. Mrs. Meek—I frankly admit that I have but little influence over my husband, Mrs. Old Bird—Pshaw! I can make my husband do anything he wants to.

JUST IN TIME. Early Bird—Ah, good morning! Looking for a job? Worn—Yes, anything I can do for you? Early Bird—Yes; you'll about fill the bill, I think.

KING HAS THE ROYAL JEWELS PHOTOGRAPHED

New Catalogue of Magnificent Gems Has Been Completed

London, Nov. 22.—Hon. John Fortescue, the king's librarian, who is on the way to India, to write the "official" description of the durbars, has just finished a new catalogue, with photographs of the royal jewels, which are kept in the strong room at Windsor Castle.

Many of the jewels date back centuries and belonged to kings and queens of England. Several of the greatest treasures are of the time of Henry VIII, and belonged to one or other of that monarch's successors.

King Edward took deep interest in the jewels. Previously they were in apartments of the castle, but he had them collected and deposited in the strong room which was built when he came to the throne. King George and Queen Mary also have interested themselves in the jewels, and by the king's direction the photographer on the lord chamberlain's staff at the castle has photographed each jewel. The catalogue and the photographs have been bound and are kept in the royal library.

In the gold pantry at Windsor Castle, are some magnificent jewelled communion cups, which have been used by the kings and queens of England for centuries and still are used by the king and queen. A recent addition to the collection of treasures in the royal library is the shirt that Charles I wore at his execution.

No Ban on Carnegie

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 22.—President Goettge and other leaders in the American Federation of Labor may continue to associate with Andrew Carnegie, August Belmont and other so-called "enemies of organized labor." As members of the National Civic Federation, the labor convention defeated the resolution to "respectfully request" its officers to resign from the civic federation.

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