O IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD O

BACK TO THE CENTRE

Rev. Dr. W. Robertson Nicoll,-In the British Weekly

Christ is the prophet, the priest and the king of His church. In proportion as He is preached in the fuliness of assembly. An American writer says these offices, His church lives and flourishes, the church which is His body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all. When the testimony to His work is defective and faltering, then come the seasons of retrogression, barrenness, and despondency. But it is those pathetic periods of ebb and empires that lev hare the deepest and from any dozen preachers in a month ptiness that lay bare the deepest and from any dozen preachers in a month

priest who offered Himself immaculate souls are won. But history teaches that such ministries in the priesthood are, on the whole, difficult. It is not easy to dwell amid the everlasting rnings of the cross. There are continual withdrawals from the central hood and do not wholly part with their it is not easily taught; it seems at first to apepal to the heart rather than to the intellect. So modifications of the till at last in many cases the doctrine as taught by our Lord and His apos-

and cheering Karl Marx!"

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What are we to do in order that the pudlated.

But this does not mean at first, or mecessarily, an abandonment of Christianity. Christ is preached still in His prophetic and regal offices. Christ the Prophet and the King is brought into greater prominence as Christ the Priest recodes. Often, at the beginning, there is a true teaching of the prophecy of our Lord, that is, the preacher recognizes that as Christ made known the will of God the Father to His people, so the Holy Ghost makes known to them the words of Christ. Great saints have not hesitated to affirm that Christ's words would be of small use to us unless they were applied to us by the Holy Spirit. This at least is true, that the grand delusion of rationalism has been that the world can be saved by teaching. The distinction between Christ and the rest is that His words are spoken directly to the believing soul. That view is rejected, and then by degrees the sayings are criticlesed and largely repudiated on one ground or another till only a few are left, fished from the turbid stream of tradition. Even on the few there is difference of opinion. Time was, and not so very long ago, when the Sermon on the Mount was loudly claimed as christ in the Mount was loudly claimed as christian from the Mount was loudly claimed as christians and for the Mount was loudly claimed as christians and for the Mount was loudly claimed as christians and for the Mount was loudly claimed as christians and for the Mount was loudly claimed as christians from the turbid stream of the Mount was loudly claimed as the prime moving element. Phillips Brooks, who was as far from technical orthogogaes Kaftan is, wrote: "The death of Christian for the hope that the organized to the many apparently think is to bring us deliverance, has been on its trial for hundred sof years, and has everywhere and always worked out the same result. It has destroyed the Church, and there never will be any without it. We must return to the Cross. The mere church the christia containing the whole of Christianity. ng advanced teachers the tenthat it errs in exalting a poverty and

acquiesce.

Then the Kingship of Christ is preached at first in its true meaning as the actual presence and intervention of our Lord in human life, as the Ruler, the Protector, the Defender of His People. That idea fades away till no real
Providence is acknowledged, nor any
prevailing supplication. At most the
authority of our Lord is taken to be after the vital power is departed. Even when that vital power has departed from the pulpit it lingers long in the largely the result of circumstance. This from the pulpit it lingers long in the pews. There is also the continued use of Christian phrases and Christian hymns which are accepted in their real meaning by many simple hearers. Still the decay becomes visible, conversions cease; true passion ceases; the atmosphere is chilled; the pews become emptier and emptier; famished souls turn elsewhere for the bread of life. A few men with natural gifts of eloquence com-nd audiences, but it was never ent that the Church of Christ ndent on the rare natmally dissolved.

They were moved by the story, by the are they today? Some of them are still ally the central truth, and yet in their arts they cherish it. Some warmth the past. They are useful pastorally. and they are careful expositors and high-toned instructors in morality, But can do no miracfe. their direct religious influence gations dwindling. Others heap scorn upon the doctrines that first shook their souls, on the messages which they sang in their youth. Others have given t all over. They are in darkness and in silence. An impenetrable cloud wraps the faith of the past. Meanwhile the fact remains that whatever Christian impression lingers, whatever Christian influence is exerted, is due to the early faith in the Priesthood of

world sees the fire sinking and istry, against the teachers of the min-

most constant desires of the human spirit. They make for a return to the tross.

History shows that among the offices of our Lord His priesthood is central, and that wherever Christ is preached as pect and the appeal of a religion. Si-multaneously with this fact, he has seen, as we all have, a vile and utterly corrupt Jew theatrical trust capitalize and cause the thinking which is the function of the Christian ministry to induce! . . . On a fine evening, when a dozen churches are holding their prayer-meetings in a fine old New England city, there are gathered in them the mournful bunch of worship-

on the Mount was loudly claimed as doxy as Kaftan is, wrote: "The death of Christ has saved the world. The death of Christ! Not merely His character and teaching; for historically from the very first the violent death of Jesus has had a prominence in religious influence which will not allow us even as faithful students of history to munity that the sanctive of the Sah leave it out of view when we speak of the great formative power of modern the Christ whom Christianity has foln ethical authority, and as His maxan ethical authority, and as His maxfins are attentiated, that becomes a
shadow. The progress towards such
views may, or may not be rapid, but
from the time the priesthood falls into the background the church grows weak-er. Of course, the momentum of a re-digion carries on its institutions long world will become a paradise. They

that the Christian Gospel will come to be rejected by ministers who claim the Christian name and preach in Christian pulpits, and that the evangelists will be shut out of those places which were built for the declaration of the

were built for the declaration of the evangel. Be it so. New preachers will arise. They will stand up in the village street and give out a song of the Priesthood like "Rock of Ages." or Is not this the history of certain old gospel will renew for the people are not capable fire Look back on their career. You will find that in early years they were they should know science; if they write about philosophy they should know philosophy. But those who have known the power of redeeming grace in their own hearts and lives are fit to arrest. When the church comes back to the hood, the old signs and wonders will be wrought again.



ROMAN CATHOLIC.

THE NEW FREEMAN has the fol lowing.—It is really a good joke to hear Rev. Dr. Patterson-Smyth (Anglican), of Montreal, speak of other dren, Christians as his "separated brethren!"

oodness sake, why does not Dr. Smyth

"UNLESS," says "Rome." a paper published in English in the Holy City. "the signs of the times are all wrong anti-religious conflict in Italy is of infinitely more consequence to the Catholics of the whole world than any prosecution of the Church in France because it concerns intimately not only the liberty, independence, dignity, but even the personal safety of the Holy Father himself. It is as well to look facts squarely in the face from

THE FREEMAN says: — We wish Rev. Dr. Workman, of Montreal, no ill, yet we are pleased to have learned that his Unitarian utterances and teachings are not wanted in the Mon-treal Methodist College.

permitted too much. He was strongly est number ever welco of the opinion that the moving picture shows should not be permitted on Sunday, and that no games, where the public had to pay an admission fee should be tolerated. He explained that munity that the sanctity of the Sab-bath should be observed.

is to recommend the Legislature to close the barrooms of the province on Christmas, Good Friday, and other religious holidays.

A COADJUTOR BISHOP differs from a suffragan bishop in this, the former has the right to the succession on the death or disability of the present incumbent, while in the latter no such

negligence begotten this offspring, the Church forthwith proceeded to pile civil disabilities on it; with vulgar con tumely to treat it as vulgar; in ex-treme instances to dub it as the sin of schism, and till quite lately to give it universally the cold shoulder and the ecclesiastical shrug, although God the Holy Ghost was all the while manifestly bestowing His blessing on it. It Christians afterwards. I know a large it, and they only are fit to preach it. long since, when Churchmen were almost wholly of one political party, and Lord's death, and the Lord's priest- party of civic equality and religious freedom. And if Church-people are now suffering from political anti-churchharvest of their own seed of political anti-nonconformity.

> urnishes the following:—Our Anglican readers will not greatly admire the Benson, son of the late Archbishop Benson, and who is now a Roman Catholic priest. Father Benson says: "We had what we believed to be the Mass, we observed silence during the greater part of the day, we wore a cergreater part of the day, we wore a certain kind of habit with a girdle, and some wore a biretta. We used the some wore a biretta. We used the Anglican Book of Common Prayer, and Daniel Goddard, M. P., for Ipswich. He is a civil engineer by talking about? If they were muzzled could they get the big bites out of our tools are at a disadvantage and must profession.
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> REV. R. J. CAMPBELLI will stand as a Labor candidate at the next genage of the church; El. T. Holder, of worker, and Daniel Goddard, M. P., for Ipswich. He is a civil engineer by talking about? If they were muzzled could they get the big bites out of our tools are at a disadvantage and must could they get the big bites out of our tools are at a disadvantage and must could they get the big bites out of our tools are at a disadvantage and must to sue them for defamation of characters as they do? It is no use them for defamation of characters as they do? It is no use them for defamation of characters as they do? It is no use them for defamation of characters as they do? It is no use them for defamation of characters as they do? It is no use them for defamation of characters as they do? It is no use them for defamation of characters as they do? It is no use them for defamation of characters as they do? It is no use the much strength. This is true of business men. It is true in every calling of life.
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> The trained man, who has keen tools the form of the church, and destroying the true idea of the principles. Those who work with blunt to be strength. The text expresses one of life's great principles. Those who work with blunt to could they get the big but for the principles. Those who work with blunt to could they get the big but for the c every day. We taught the doctrine of eral election.

Confession, and I can tell you that at THE METHODISTS the conclusion of the missions which I conducted as part of my public work, I used to hear far more confession than I have heard as a Catholic priest than I have heard as a Catholic priest. On practically every point, except the supremacy of the Pope, we believed the teachings of the Catholic Church, taught most of her doctrines, as thousands of Anglican elergy are doing today, and it is this High Church teaching that is building the bridge over which Anglicans will come into the

day it is a well organized congregation

usiness and there should not be too to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, is such seriousness in the churches. "The one of the recently created knights by ter war on religion in Italy—and an and sometimes fills the first day of the phen's Church, Dublin.

in the way of presenting the matter, but naturally those who have had a personal part in discussing and formu-lating the proposed basis can expound it as no one else can. Would it not be in the interest of the church, that

Philippines have no cause to repine over the ingathering of the past. More than run the risk of catching the terrible cities and villages."

Against this proposal Archbishop Bruchesi protests, and says he did not want an open Sunday. He said he could not approve of the by-law as it various churches under the seven sta- their little children behind in Samoa, gle year and brings the sum total of membership to about 6,500. The property interests will aggregate \$100,000, and this amount does not include a number of chapels built by the Filipinos themselves, the other denominations showing a proportionate increase in their membership.

THE BAPTISTS

THE BAPTIST UNION of Queensland, Australia, has rejected the pro-posal for a united theological college with the Congregationalists on the ground that they could not trust their students to the teachings of Congragational ministers, as they are not orth-

GEORGE WHITE, M. P., son of a village shoemaker at Bourne, and now the American missionaries. Catholicism head of a great shoe manufactory at is apparently stationary. Norwich, and a deacon of the Baptist church in that city, was one of the men upon whom the honor of knighthood was recently conferred.

THAT THE SALARIES of pastor should be increased, is recognized by the Ontario Baptists. The Home Mission Board has during the last five years made a gradual increase in the salaries of the pastors of mission churches, and intends to make further. increase. The Convention adopted a rasolution recommending \$650 as the min-

THE BAPTISTS OF THE five Col-Union. In connection therewith they is mentioned, but I can't leave out have consolidated their missionary ophave consolidated their missionary op-erations, established an insurance and in twenty minutes, and the press and annuity fund, made provisions for ter- pulpit can settle it between them as ritorial associations and missionary auxiliaries and organized a lady's league of helpers. They are planning for is sometimes asserted that Noncon-formists are politicians first and of the young, and hope, by some wise worn in St. John. co-operation, to ensure the carrying out of this most important matter, A REPORT IN THE Baptist Mis

tion a few weeks ago of the jubilee of the organization of the first Bapown hearts and lives are fit to preach But there was a time, and that not tist church in Finland. It was held at Yakobstad. The most impressive feature of the celebration was the obold themes, of the Lord's love, the that, as then constituted, not the servance of the Lord's Supper in the The northern midsummer night, almost as light at the day, the large chapel crowded with communicants the stillness of the night and the peace, the solemnity of the hour and the pres

sionary Magazine tells of the celebra-

THE PRESBYTERIAN WITNESS of God, all made it extremely affecting, in a way never before experienced. THE CONGREATIONALISTS. HIS MAJESTY THE KING has conferred the honor of knighthood upon four Congregationalists—J. E. Richett, M. P., President of the Congregational Union; Alfred Appertey, a prominent member of the church; E. T. Holder,

WHAT IS THE MATTER with the

Methodist Church? is a question ask-ed in last week's Christian Guardian settling in our western provinces, "During the past seven years about a have come to Canada, one-third of whom cannot speak English. . . . The Presbyterians have four medical misionaries among the Galicians, and fou Hungarian missionaries, but above all they have the honor of establishing the Independent Greek Church, which, during the last five years, has built over fifty churches and ministers to about people. The Baptists report bership of 1,474; seventeen Scandinavian churches, with a membership of 374; four Galician, three Russian and the Methodists have one mission in Winnipeg and one in Alberta. Now account for this state of affairs.

DEV T R STEPHENSON in recogoness Institute, London, has been pre-

ing on work in India, unite in requesting that Sunday, December 1st, be observed as a day of special prayer, for Christian lands, believing that if the whole church is united in such prayer

8,401 stations and out-stations, 22,279 higher institutions with 4,880 pupils 002 patients treated annually. This was an average of one foreign mission

stitution at Tahaa, one of the Society Islands. But they were followed al-most immediately by eight teachers from the Loyalty Islands, taken out in

Fark, nor to certain games, amusements, concerts, museums, sports and
recreations (with the exception of theatrical performances) or to the running
of ferry boats between the often med in any sin- people among whom they live are cannibals. Many who have gone have died at their work; some have been cruelly murdered. But the supply has never

> One of the most distinguished pas tors in Japan, Rev. Miyagawa, of Osa-ka, recently said: "There are in Japan not publicly professed Christianity, but who are ordering their lives by the teachings of the Bible and who require now only to be brought to a public confession of their faith." This statement was repeated to Dr. Nakashima, Pro fessor of Psychology in the Imperial University, and he remarked, "Yes,

Protestant Christianity in Korea has increased over 60 per cent. in the past year and there is promise of a national evangelization under the auspices of

SATURDAY SERMONETTE

MUZZLED PREACHERS AND

complaint on Monday that both the pulpit and the press were muzzled. I was very sorry to hear it, or rather read it, for there is an old law (and it is not obsolete, I think) that corn shall not be muzzled." Come to mies in South Africa have formed a think of it, I don't know that the ass to which is the ox.

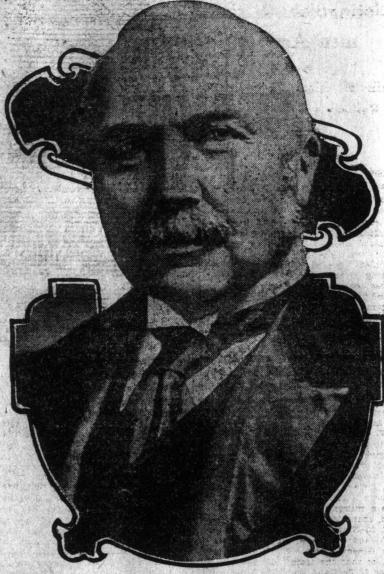
> be used I know. They ought to be used in some council chambers by some members-not a thousand miles from

> to themselves. about the pulpit being muzzled. L have never seen them worn in the pulpit and I attend church as regularly as I can. " Of course, I have se wished they were worn thera. When the pulpit or even whine? If can't talk back without being arrested, I think I am the one that wears the

The pews are muzzled fast enough. Did you ever hear them bark back at the pulpit or seen them whine? If they do they wait until they get home, and if they don't go back to that church any more, there are always cation, the Best Preparation for Life."

plenty to take their places for there is the cation, the Best Preparation for Life." nothing we enjoy more (not even a prize fight among the aldermen) than prize fight among the aldermen) than the iron be blunt and he do not who will be the edge, then must he put forth more hearing the pulpit denounce our neighbor the edge, then must he put forth more ing and destroying the true idea of the control of the result in the iron be blunt and he do not who will be the pulpit denounce our neighbor the pulpit denounce our

Premier of Britain Barely Rallies from Heart Spasm



Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman, the British Premier, who was overcome yesterday with sudden attack of heart spasm;

the corn for us in the pulpit who is easily and more effectively. muzzled, and it is not the ass in the



more than 1,000,000 people who have Strong Plea for Individual Instruction

Such as is Given at Acadia-Evening Sermon The new president of Acadia Uni-

versity, Dr. W. B. Hutchinson, preached yesterday morning in Germain St. Baptist Church and last evening in Main Street Baptist Church. Both of his sermons were on education. He is in St. John at the present time for the purpose of aiding in the publishing of a special educational number of The Maritime Baptist, which will appear

REV. W. B. HUTCHINSON, D. D.,

was on the subject, "A Christian Edu-

The text was Ecclesiasties, 10:10, "If

the iron be blunt and he do not whet

President of Acadia.

forth in this special number.

A city pulpit complained the other Sunday and a city paper took up the I knew that the press was muzzled in Russia and other places, but I did.

St. John. And there are legislators with profit to their constituents, if no

No it is not the ox who treads out or a keen brain, will do his work more "This is an argument for education, office who treads out our chaff (I mean for education means training and prepcorn) for us who wears a muzzle, but aration for life. Modern education be-the pew and the public. nishes a much better equipment than

"This is an argument in rayor of the small college. For the last twenty-five years the large universities have had a great advantage, but today the pendulum is swinging in the direction of has just been published. It is entitled The author, C. F. Birdseye, is a prominent lawyer and a graduate of Amherst Jollege. After a careful study of the subject he declares that the THE SMALL COLLEGE great universities are failing in the essential point of individual training, which he holds to be the most important thing in college life. He argues in favor of the small college.

tion during the past year.
"In the Harvard Graduates' Magazine for September is an article by Professor Joseph H. Beal of Harvard the University," in which he contends that Harvard should be reorganized into a number of small colleges somewhat on the English plan in order that the students might thus obtain individual training.

"These are indications of the trend of educational thought at the present

"The principle of the text is an argument in favor of Christian education. To be educated is to live aright, and without Christianity a man must work with blunt tools, that is he most important preparation for living a moral life. Christ puts a keener edge on life. Without Him the moral nature must be to some extent blunted. This is especially the work of tthe Christian college. It gives a training not only of the mind but of the char-"This is the training and the prepartion for life that we are striving to give at Acadia. This is the Acadia

In the evening Dr. Hutchinson took his text from Ecclesiastes 12-13, and spoke on the service of God and the

purpose of life.

His address consisted of an earnest and logical appeal to all men to recognize their duty to serve God in every department of life in which God had placed them. Religion and business are not divorced as many suppose. Re-ligion properly conceived means the conducting of all the affairs of life whether known as business or professions, such as doctors and lawyers, in a way that will be truly pleasing to

Dr. Hutchinson spoke with much earnestness and was listened to with leep attention by a congregation which filled the church. A notable feature of the services yesterday was the singing of Madame Harrison, who has been engaged by the hurch for the next three months to

assist the choir. MONTREAL, Dec. 1.-The sanctions

ing of the Lord's Day was the subject of an episcopal letter addressed to the The advantages of Acadia University, the college of the Baptist denomination faithful by his grace Monsigneur Paul Bruchesi and read today at all mass meetings in the Roman Catholic church where worship is held in the diocese of "A Christian Education Best Prepa-Montreal. His grace said it is the duty of the

church to teach how the Lord's Day should be kept holy. To attend holy mass is declared the episcopal document to be the most excellent homage to Almighty God, To

DELEGATION IS

Distinguished Irishmen Arrive

Talk of Blacksod-All-Red Railway and Steamship

Route

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 .- Arriving on the steamer Carmania from Queenstown today, was a delegation of distinguished Irishmen who are interested in makterminal of the Aflantic service in the proposed All-Red railway and steam-ship route. The contemplated system provided for a ship line directly conacross the continent service over the Grand Trunk R. R. and steamship con-nections between the west coast of the Dominion with Japan, China and Aus-

Rev. Dr. Clancy, Bishop of Sligo; Dr. R. Ambrose, M.P.; John Armitage Drake, J.P.; Rev. Daniel E. Reilly, and Rev. Mr. Sherry. The delegation will lay its case before Premier Laurier at

Speaking of their mission tonight Dr. Ambrose said:
"We maintain in Ireland that if are to pay our share of the subsidy t be given for the All-Red route W should receive some of the benefits. Our proposition is to have Blackson Bay, Ireland, the eastern port for the Atlantic steamers of the route; have a railroad built from the bay Sligo, connecting with the lines alread built to Greenmore, on the east coast land, so that the trains can be carrie across to Scotland and placed on rai roads that will take them down in profit thus from the bay and from th new Irish railroad. The latter

WILL SUCCEED

Placed Resignation in Hand

of His Congregation Last Night

SYDNEY, Dec. 1.-The Rev. C. tor of Christ church, this city, forms placed his resignation in the hand ly placed his resignation in of the congregation during the cour

of his sermon tonight.

Mr. Schofield has been appointed athedral of Christ church, Freder ton, and will leave to assume his n duties sometime during the next to months. The appointment was a

ital last night.
Following the death of the late De Partridge the duties of the dean were discharged by the present Bish of Fredericton, the then coadju op of the diocese. The demise the late Bishon Kingdon, however, necessitated the appointment of an cumbent to the position.

This has resulted in the selection

Mr. Schofield. Mr. Schofield, who ceived his early training in Englandis a graduate of King's College, Wir sor. He came here from Hampt New Brunswick, three years ago. Besides being ranked as one of most brilliant of the clergy of church in eastern Canada. Mr. Sc field has attached himself to the terests of the city in general and own congregation in particular in a way that his coming departure the occasion of much general reg The diocese of Nova Scotia will experience a loss which it will difficulty fill. It is not known who

Schofield's successor here will be.

Carter's Little Liver Pills

Must Bear Signature of

er small and as easy to take as sugara



OURE SICK HEADACHE.