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REV. DR. JACKSON ON ENGLISH AFFAIRS

Says Higher Critics Have
Won — The Question of
Church Union.

(Toronto Globe.)
Rev. Dr. George Jackson, who about
ten years ago was the storm-centre of a
warm controversy in the Methodist

church of Canada, arrived in Toronto
yesterday morning to fulfill an engage-
ment to preach for eight Sundays in
Eaton Memorial church. The fires of
controversy have not only burnt down,
but have been forgotten in the years of
a more sanguinary conflict with the Pres-
byterians, and Dr. Jackson was greeted by a
host of friends who assembled at the
morning service to hear his first sermon.

Dr. Jackson is a Scottish Methodist.
As a preacher there is an urgency about
his deliverance that reminds one of the
saying of St. Paul, "Woe is me if I
preach not." There is nothing of here-
sy about his teaching; his message is a
plain and straight-out evangelistic one,
which is at once forceful and persuasive.

Glad to Revisit Toronto.
In the course of an interview with a
representative of The Globe, Dr. Jackson
expressed his pleasure in revisiting
Toronto, and declared that his seven
years' ministry in Canada was an ex-
perience which had broadened his hori-
zon.

"I have never lost touch with
Canada; my son is here and has become
a Canadian, and during the war we fre-
quently entertained Canadian soldiers in
our home in London."

"Is there any danger of a revival of the
old controversy on higher criticism?"
asked The Globe.

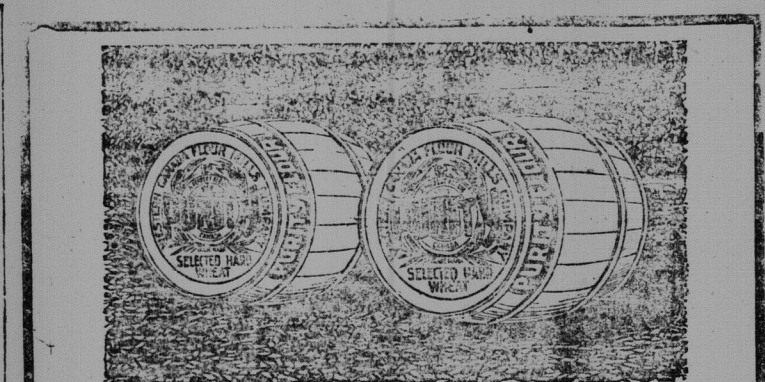
"No; the battle of Old Testament
criticism has been fought and won."

"By whom has it been won?"
Critics Win, He Says.

"By the critics," replied Dr. Jackson.
"Prof. Pease's commentary on the Bible
was written from the critical point of
view, and it is selling today by the hun-
dreds of thousands for the use of preach-
ers and Sunday school teachers. The
things that I taught while in Canada had
long been accepted in Great Britain and
by all progressive students of Scripture;
there was nothing new about them."

"What effect has the war had upon the
Old Land; they say it is a new land
now?"

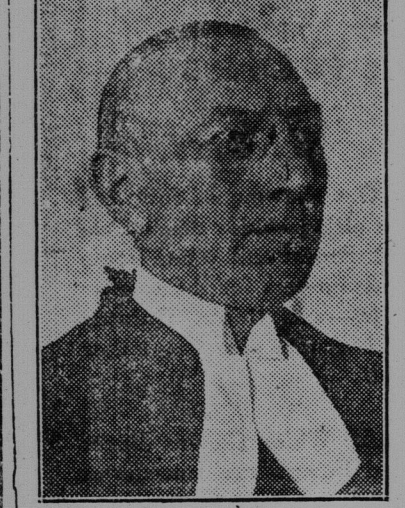
Not a New England.
This question gave pause to Dr. Jack-
son, and he weighed his answer. "I
doubt if there is any real difference be-
tween the England of today and the
England of pre-war days," he said. "If
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ficial and passing one. So far as the
churches are concerned the war seems to
have stressed the question of union and
the ecclesiastical temper has been
changed. The Lambeth appeal was the
result of the interdenominational activi-
ties during the war, and the close follow-
ship of ministers and men of various
communities. They became impatient of
distinction that had ceased to be real."

"What are the prospects of church
union in Great Britain?"

"There is a growing movement for the
union of all the Methodist churches, and
union of the Presbyterian churches of
Scotland will soon be consummated, but
the union of Anglicans and nonconform-
ists is not within one hundred miles of
practical politics."

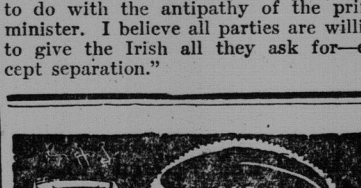
"What about the proposal for the in-
terchange of pulpits?"

Depends Upon the Anglicans.
"That depends upon the Anglicans; we
are ready for it at any time," said the
doctor decisively. "I recently took part
in an interdenominational service held in
Manchester Cathedral. That would not
have been possible ten years ago. But
this can be stated for certain. There can
be no union on the basis of episcopal or-
dination; it must be a union of churches
as such. The air is full of friendly feel-
ing, however."

Labor Government Coming.
In reply to a question regarding the
social and political situation in England,
Dr. Jackson said: "I believe there will
be a labor government in England in the
near future. Mr. Lloyd George is not

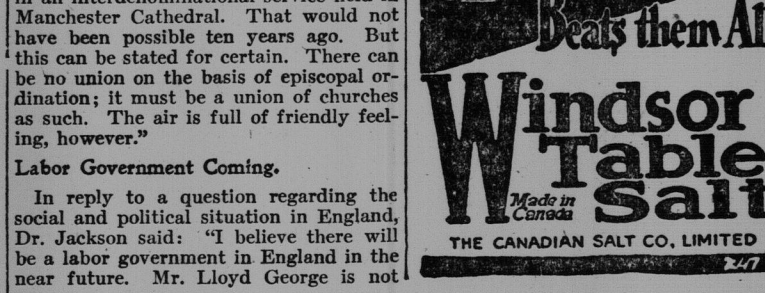
popular with the old friends; they recog-
nize his priceless services during the war,
but they feel that the present situation
is unreal. England today is practically
under a one-man government. But
Lloyd George is a marvelous man and
he seems to thrive on crises. His namble-
wittedness is wonderful. The govern-
ment's policy in Ireland has had much
to do with the antipathy of the prime
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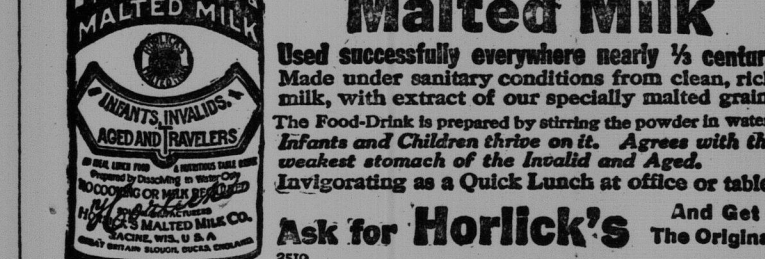
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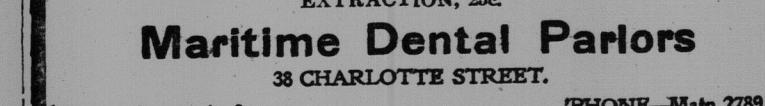
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