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The Outlook

Pius X. and Benedict XV.

Regarding the personal piety of the late Pope there can be not the slightest doubt. The humility and simplicity of a long life consistently sustained even in the Office hoary with traditional ceremonial are refreshing. We trust this memory of Pius X. will long be an active influence in his Church. All Christians and the world at large will not soon forget his issuing the call to prayers for Peace. His refusal to bless the Austrian banners at the outset of this war was the act of a great man. For the Cardinal who succeeds him we pray the Holy Spirit of God may truly guide him in the responsibilities of so great an Office at this time and that he may use the position of unique influence among so many thousands of Christians to the extension of the Kingdom of God and the spread of the knowledge of the pure truth of His Holy Gospel.

Down the Saskatchewan

With this number the articles of Principal Lloyd, of Emmanuel College, Saskatoon, on his journey in the Northland come to an end. We are indebted to the Principal for the graphic "transcripts from life" which have told of actual conditions in New Canada. References in newspapers show that they have re-

vealed things to more than our readers. We must not wait until peace is declared to face in earnest the actuality of having already some little Austrias, Russias, etc., in our own land, which threaten the Canadianizing of our heritage.

A Striking Declaration

In connection with the Kikuyu controversy, a remarkable pronouncement has just been made, signed by some of the most representative names in the Churches of England and Ireland, including the Archbishop of Dublin, six English Diocesan Bishops and two Irish Bishops. Its general tenor may be judged from the two concluding paragraphs which argue in the shortest possible way for the legality of the Holy Communion being administered to non-Episcopal Christians. The whole declaration is important and weighty and cannot fail to impress those in authority as bearing witness to the strong convictions of a very large section of church people.

Evolution

The attention given to the War has led to the important address of the President of the British Association in Australia being almost wholly overlooked, and yet it is a pronouncement of great significance. Professor Bateson is an Evolutionist, but not a Darwinian, and he showed that even now we have not made much progress in our decision as to the factors that produced the Origin of Species. He rejects entirely Darwin's main factor so long known as Natural Selection and says Darwin's main contribution to science rests in his wonderful power as a great collector and co-ordinator of facts, adding that Darwin "speaks no more with philosophical authority." Professor Bateson, while believing in Evolution, maintains that its explanation is to be sought in other directions. All this is useful as a reminder that the science of today is not so dogmatic as it was 40 or 50 years ago. Much that was then held sacred and has since been accepted too rapidly by clerical advocates of Darwinianism who have not studied the subject for themselves is now seen to have been too hastily endorsed. Professor Bateson's address, as it has been well said, would have been considered scientific high treason a generation ago, though it is now listened to without a murmur. We must never forget that science may be just as erroneous or even as partially true as any other branch of human knowledge and it behooves those who hastily think that science is right and the Bible is wrong to remember such frank admissions of scientific men as are being made from time to time.

Church Union in Intercession

What is described as "a singularly impressive service" was held in the Established Church of Cruden on a recent Sunday afternoon, according to the "Scottish Chronicle," the Anglican paper of Scotland. All the congregations in the parish joined together for intercession, and the Right Rev. Dr. Browne, formerly Bishop of Bristol, who is at present there on holiday, delivered the address. Every part of the large building was well filled, and the praise was led by a combined choir drawn from all the churches. The service was opened with the singing of the 20th Psalm, and thereafter the Rev. Adam Mackay led the opening devotions. The First Lesson was read by the Rev. John Strachan, Rector of St. James's Church, and the Second Lesson by the Rev.

A. Macaulay, Congregational minister. The Rev. D. Stewart, United Free Church, offered a special prayer of intercession. After the hymn, "Peace, perfect peace," had been sung, Bishop Browne entered the pulpit and addressed the congregation, basing his remarks on Genesis ii., 11, 12. He said that, calamitous and awful as this war must prove for all the nations involved, it might in the providence of God not be without beneficent results. The purest gold could only be got through a process of refinement; and there had been a dross of irreligion and godlessness amongst them, from which the nation needed to be purged. Who knew but that this war might prove the scourge of God, destined to make them, in coming days, a yet stronger, truer, and better people than they had been. The service concluded with the singing of the National Anthem, the Benediction being pronounced by Bishop Browne. Anglicans, Presbyterians, United Frees, Wee Frees, Congregationalists have the same God, the same Saviour, and the same Need. On great occasions we can get above our small differences.

The War and Reunion

We take the following from a recent number of the "Guardian":

The wonderful example of union set by our political leaders is surely one which we clergy may follow and use for the benefit of our people in our social and religious differences. In this village of seven hundred people the majority are Baptists. The chapel dates from 1646, the church from 1862. I got the Baptist minister to bring his people to the church on Friday last for the National Service of Intercession. He took the Psalms, Lesson, Lord's Prayer, and following Collect. There was not even standing room in the church. Next week he will take an Intercession Service in the chapel schoolroom, in which I shall join and get my people to go, and so on in alternate weeks. I hope and pray that by the end of this terrible time there may be a great gain in Christain union and fellowship.

This is the true spirit, and will do much to bring about real unity.

International Lord's Day Congress

The Panama-Pacific Exposition, to be held at San Francisco, Cal., in 1915, will attract the attention not only of America, but of the whole world. A distinguished feature will be the number and variety of congresses and conventions which will assemble in San Francisco and vicinity between the opening and closing of the Exposition-February 20th to December 14th. One of the most important and outstanding of these assemblies will be the International Lord's Day Congress, to be held in July. President Wilson is the honorary chairman. The platform of principles has been prepared, setting forth the meaning of the Sabbath and pointing out the unity of all the great historic branches of the Christian Church in its regular observance of the Lord's Day as the day of rest and worship. It states the aim of the Congress and shows the relation of the state to the Lord's Day, and holds "that the weekly rest-day has become a civil institution, embodied in law and custom, thus safeguarding the physical, social, economic and spiritual privileges of all citizens." This platform of principles and the program now being prepared will later on be published in