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The Outlook

Palestine in Toronto

The Palestine Exhibition, which has just been opened in Toronto, is one of the most noteworthy opportunities afforded Christian people of understanding their Bible. After very successful gatherings in several leading Canadian cities the Exhibition closes its visit to the Dominion by a stay of nearly three weeks in Toronto. It ought to go without saying that every Churchman and Churchwoman and Church boy and girl should attend. The illustrations of Palestine life are not only full of deep interest in themselves, but they shed remarkable light on the Bible. Renan once called Palestine "the fifth Gospel," and certainly the Land is the best commentary on the Book for those who are unable to go to the Land, and, indeed, for many who can go, since nothing but a prolonged stay can enable a Western reader to understand the Bible as an Oriental book. The London Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews, under whose auspices the Exhibition is held, is our oldest, largest and most experienced organization for work among the people of God called Israel, and the Rev. S. Schor, the Director of the Exhibition, is eminently fitted for his work of illuminating Holy Scripture. May the Toronto attendance be a record, and may our love of the Bible abound and abide as the outcome of the Exhibition.

Mr. Bryan's Diplomatic Dinners

The decision of Mr. W. J. Bryan to serve no wine at official dinners given by him in Washington has attracted wide attention. It ought not to have caused any surprise in view of Mr. Bryan's life-long temperance principles and advocacy. Indeed, there would have been greater surprise if he had done violence to what was known to be his deep conviction. It is, of course, very easy for newspapers in the United States and England to pour sarcasm upon Mr. Bryan, but sarcasm is easily discounted on such an issue as this. Mr. Bryan has felt it necessary to explain that, while he did not intend to magnify the non-use of wine, he-frankly told the diplomats that his action was due to the fact that intoxicating liquors had never been served at his table, and never would be. All honour to any man who has the courage of his convictions when faced with the strongly-entrenched customs of society. The more of such consistency in high quarters, the better for our public life, and, indeed, for our private life as well.

The Church and Social Reform

In the enthusiasm now being rightly shown for all kinds of social reform, there is grave danger of the fundamental purpose of Christianity being overlooked. A recent writer, himself heartily sympathetic with every project for social betterment, has well put it:--

You cannot save the world by going into anti-tuberculosis societies. The needs of the age are not to be met by the mere practising of good Samaritanism. Christ is a great recreator, not a reformer. The Church is not the Jack-of-all-reforms. The Church has a function, and the first item in it is to convict the world of sin.

This is a very timely reminder that the chief business of the Church is not to push social reforms, but to insist on that spiritual regeneration which alone makes true social reform possible. We have to bring men face to face with God, and our primary and fundamental message is, "Ye must be born again." Then the way to social reformation becomes possible, easy, and effective.

The Great Solution

In an address just delivered by the Bishop of Carlisle in connection with the Bible Society the valuable point was made that the destinies of the human race are inextricably bound up with the knowledge and love of Holy Scripture, and that no material circumstances can ever improve man's moral and spiritual nature:—

The Basis of Unity

Another important truth was enunciated by the Bishop in this address. These are his words:—

It is not the religion which comes from the Bible which divides us. People talk about reunion. I hope that in the providence of God the day of reunion may come amongst Christian communions, but I am persuaded it can never come until the communions make the Holy Scriptures the one standard of their faith and teaching.

Here, too, is a word for our Dominion. It points the way to the only unity possible to the people of God, an unity based on the truth of Holy Scripture. It is in harmony with one Article, which declares that only that is to be required for faith which is found in or may be proved from the Bible. When we concentrate hereon we shall not find the difficulties insuperable.

The Canadian Problem

The fine speech of Sir Edmund Walker at New York last week put the situation in Canada in a wonderfully clear and telling way. It is worth while looking at it carefully:—

For political and geographical reasons, our country is practically one hundred years behind. We are beginning to develop a country with an area as large as the United States, but peopled by two people to the square mile, while in the United States it is thirty-five to the square mile, and in England 550 per square mile. That will give you some idea of the tremendous enterprise the people in Canada are entering upon at the present time. They are trying to receive five new people for every hundred in the country, and on the prairie part of the country they are trying to receive and take care of ten new people, because that is the way the proportion comes to the Western people, ten for every hundred people in the country.

No wonder that this was described as the greatest problem of assimilation ever known; and, as the speaker said, we trust to the genius of the Anglo-Saxon people to accomplish this task of assimilating a larger number of people than are present to effect assimilation. But beneath all this is the root-question of religion. It remains with the Churches to do the greatest work of all. Christ is the great

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Medical Missions

A fine testimony was given a little while ago to the value of the work of healing when carried on as an accompaniment of the message of the Gospel:—

A Mohammedan on the North-West Frontier of India said to a missionary: "We do not fear your schools, we need not send our children to them; we do not fear your teachers, we need not listen to them; we do not fear your books, we need not read them; but we do fear your doctors and nurses. They heal the body and make men grateful and disposed to listen to the Christian Gospel."

"It is lawful to learn from our foes," and this is a call to renewed efforts on behalf of