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**Christian Union**

Christianity, as it exists to-day is divided into many communions, some large and some small. In a number of these communions, and probably in all, there is not an entire unity of belief among the members on all points. The unity is rather found in beliefs and practices which differentiate them from other communions. It is not without good and sufficient reason that some of these communions have come to have a distinct name and position. They originated as a protest against opinions and methods which, in the belief of the protesters, were inconsistent with the Scriptures, and were used to the injury of true religion. These advocates were forced out, as a disturbing element, or went out voluntarily, as the most effective way of making manifest the sincerity of their protestations. It was not unfair to say that others of these communions originated in matters really unimportant, and in unwillingness to subordinate personal opinions to the wishes of the majority.

There is, however, one thing in which all these communions agree. They are all convinced that in some form or other, Christianity is destined to become the religion of the world; and in all of them there is to be a greater or lesser degree of desire for the realization of this conviction. We may go further and say, that it is becoming more and more believed that in the creeds of many of these communions, there is some article which needed to be accentuated, and must be incorporated in a Christianity which conforms to Scriptural teaching, and that earnest effort should be made to disentangle the essential from the unessential, and so promote union on the lines of the saying of Augustine, "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity." It follows from this belief, that such a union is necessary in order that Christianity may be more speedily come to its own, as the religion for all mankind. Moreover, this belief has already led to the union of some communions most closely allied in their opinions, and to endeavors for the union of others.

The effort of this kind which has the widest outlook has been promoted by the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States. At the invitation of a Joint Commission appointed by this Church in 1910, in the interest, not of uniformity, but of union, there were convened in Garden City, New York, on the fourth of January of the present year, sixty-one persons representing fifteen branches of the Christian Church, besides that which issued the invitation. These sixty-one persons were constituted into a "North American Preparatory Conference," to plan for a "World Conference on Faith and Order." It was reported that "the co-operation of substantially all the important Communions in the world except those on the Continent of Europe, and the Roman Catholic and Holy Orthodox Eastern Churches," had been secured. There is ground for belief that the Russian Church and others in Europe, may at the close of the present war, also co-operate.

The steps already taken by the Preparatory Committee have been widely published, and the future course of the movement will be carefully observed and studied wherever Christianity exists. It cannot fail to do good, if it proceeds, as we believe it will, on the lines of New Testament example and precept.

On page 1 of this edition of the Monitor will be found the Declaration and Statement of the Spiritual Basis of the World Conference, as adopted at Garden City for the consideration of all the Christian Churches. The reading will enable those interested in the movement, and every person ought to be interested—to observe the method on which the Preparatory Conference will proceed, and the object in view.

**The Kurds**

In the reports which have reached us from the Eastern theatre of war, the Kurds have been associated with the Turks in the inhuman massacres of the Armenians. These Kurds are inhabitants of Kurdistan, a mountainous country, with an area of 71,990 square miles and a population of about two and a half millions, south of Armenia, and extending to the north-

ern reaches of the Euphrates and the Tigris. It has not a distinct independence, but, part of it is under the control of Turkey, and part under the control of Persia. Bitlis and Van, on the coast of lake Van, are two of its most important cities. The Russian army, under the Grand Duke Nicholas are now in the vicinity of Bitlis, on their way to the Bagdad Railway, which they intend to take possession of. The Kurds are Mohammedans like the Turks, and have been associated with them in former massacres of the Armenians as well as during the present war. They are a wild pastoral people, with a nomadic tendency much like the Arabs. They hate the Armenians, not only because of a difference in religion, but because they are jealous of their economic superiority. The Armenians, as a rule, are more industrious, and consequently more thrifty and have a better education. One gentleman reports that his grandfather who endeavored to do some missionary work among the Kurds, told the following story as illustrative of their character. Speaking with an old chieftain he said, "I believe that you have several sons," "Yes," said the chief, "Are they all married?" "Yes, all but poor Ali, and no girl will marry him, because he is not a successful thief and robber." "Well what are you going to do about it?" "Oh! I have advised him to carry a gun and a sword, and I have explicitly imposed upon his mind, that no matter how bloody and evil the deed he may commit, it will only add respect and honor to his name and family."

The bonds which unite the members of the family with each other are very strong. Another incident shows this characteristic. A chief entered upon a predatory excursion and committed many robberies. He was after a time detected and with his assistants, among whom was a son about twenty years of age, was caught and brought before the Governor. The Governor pardoned the chieftain because of his age, but condemned all the others to death. The old chieftain as soon as he heard this sentence, demanded to speak to the Governor. The opportunity was given and he thus addressed the Governor: "O eye of my home and of my family. We did come from the mountains to carry some food to our families and to our herds. We admit that we did harm to your law-abiding citizens. You have sworn that the guilty men should die, and it is just; but, I who am pardoned because of my age, come to demand a favor of my lord. The youngest of my family is with me. He came because I asked him. This is his first offence. He is young and has hardly tasted the sweets of life. He is just betrothed. I am here to die in his stead. In the name of God, let a worn out old man perish, and save a youth, who may long be useful to his family, to feed the flocks and tend the sheep. Let him live to drink of the waters flowing from the fountains and silvery streams of Kurdistan, and to till the ground of his ancestors."

The Governor was greatly moved and granted the old man's wishes. He was put to death and the son was saved, though he earnestly protested that he should die and the more valuable life of the father be preserved. This trait in the Kurdish character savors of the old patriarchal system, which prevailed in these Eastern lands in ages long past. It seems to be the one redeeming feature, around which with freedom from the shackles of Mohammedism, and instruction in the truth, may be gathered all the virtues of the highest manhood.

**Have Me Excused**

The reasons urged for exemption from military service by young Englishmen, or in their behalf, are very various. One young man, a clerk said he would have enlisted long ago, but he was his mother's only child and she was very delicate. The Chairman replied that his excuse was not sufficient. "Do you then, condemn my mother to death?" he asked. Still the excuse was not admitted on the ground that there were so many in the same condition.

It was requested that one boy be excused because he was superintendent of the packing department of the Naval and Military Bible Society, and if he were not exempted a great part of the supplies would have to be stopped. This application was instantly refused.

The plea was made on behalf of a packer in a warehouse that was a "veritable Samson," the only man they could find who was able to carry bales of cloth weighing a hundred weight to the third story.

"Have the hundred weight," said the Chairman. "How can we carry on the war without men like that? Good morning, sir. Next case please." One young man claimed exemption because among his dependents was a young woman to whom he was engaged and to whom he gave eight

shillings a week from his wages. Besides, she threatened to commit suicide if he enlisted. Of course, the application was turned down.

Another was, he said, a military cap cutter. Women could not do this job. It took some years to become expert at it. The excuse was not sufficient.

At the tribunal in Westmorland, five hours were spent in listening to excuses by farmers, some of whom said they would be obliged to sell their stock and abandon their farms, if their laborers were taken from them. The most of these men were exempted. When the question was asked in many cases as to the wages received by men for whom exemption was requested, on the ground that they were indispensable, the amount mentioned was so small that the members of the examining tribunal at once decided that the salaries and the indispensable did not harmonize, and the requests were refused.

One claimed exemption as "The World's Champion Clog Dancer," another, as "The Best Violin Maker in England," another as "A Tobacco Blender," another as "Distributor of War Photographs to the Press," another as "A Slaughter-man." Other excuses were equally as important or unimportant.

**LAWRENCETOWN AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB IN "THE TIME OF HIS LIFE"**

On Wednesday evening, March 22nd, the people of Lawrencetown and the surrounding country—from Middleton to Bridgetown,—from Clarence to Inglesville,—were out in full force, taxing the seating capacity of Phinney's Hall to its utmost. The attraction was the Lawrencetown Amateur Dramatic Club, presenting the three-act comedy, "The Time of His Life."

Although this was by far the most difficult play this Club has attempted, the characters were all well taken, reflecting great credit on the careful training of Principal B. S. Banks.

Miss Myrna Stoddart, as Mrs. Bob Grey, whose husband had gone West on mining business, gracefully sustained her difficult role of entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wycome and Miss Dorothy Landon in the absence of cook and butler. She was aided by her brother, Tom Carter, whose character was admirably taken by J. A. C. Moore. At the last moment he dressed as the colored butler, Uncle Tom, and served the dinner, which had been hurriedly ordered by telephone from a nearby restaurant.

Miss Ethel Fitch played the part of the supercilious Mrs. Peter Wycome to perfection, while F. R. Hatt kept the audience in perpetual good humor by his splendid acting as Mr. Peter Wycome, who was in constant fear of thieves, fire and indigestion.

Mrs. J. B. Jefferson won the hearts of all as she so brightly took the part of Miss Dorothy Landon, niece of Mrs. Wycome, and secretly engaged to Tom Carter.

H. T. Bishop as Mr. Bob Grey, and C. V. Whitman as Mr. Jas. Landon, of uncertain disposition, and father of Dorothy, filled their places well in the concluding act.

W. S. Prince was inimitable as Uncle Tom, an old colored butler from the South. His every appearance was greeted by shouts of laughter. Coming home unexpectedly and seeing Tom Carter posing as himself, he started at once for the South, thinking he had seen his double. The services of a police officer were needed to intercept him at the station, and J. B. Jefferson filled the bill completely as Police Officer Hogan, rounding up Uncle Tom.

In "The Time of His Life" the Lawrencetown Amateur Dramatic Club well sustained the reputation it has made for itself. The costumes of the ladies are worthy of note, being very dainty and attractive. It was the first appearance of Mrs. Jefferson and Miss Fitch before a Lawrencetown audience. We trust it will not be the last.

Before the performance and between acts the Lawrencetown Band discoursed sweet music, and youthful misses sold home-made candy, adding \$5.75 to Red Cross Funds.

Receipts at the door were \$77.00. Of this \$40.00 was presented to the Red Cross, \$10.00 to the Tennis Club, \$5.00 to the Band, while the balance, after paying expenses, was added to the Club funds.

The Prohibition Bill passed through the Committee of the Whole House in the House of Assembly last Wednesday and was reported up for its third reading after which it will be sent to the Legislative Council. The only amendments adopted were a provision to bring the Act into operation in the City of Halifax on June 30th next, proposed by Premier Murray as a reasonable compromise to enable the license holders to wind up their affairs and a provision that all existing licenses shall become null and void, moved by Mr. Corning.

**PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS**

Miss Vera Ruffee returned home yesterday from a visit of several weeks in Kentville.

Mr. D. W. MacDonald of Moncton has joined the staff of the Royal Bank of Canada, here, as teller.

Mr. A. O. Price attended a meeting of the Presbytery in Halifax last week, being a delegate from Gordon Memorial Church.

Howard Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Marshall, has joined the local staff of the Royal Bank of Canada, as junior clerk.

Mr. W. C. Lawson, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Atherton, P. E. I., and little daughter Mildred, are guests of Mr. Lawson's sister, Mrs. W. D. Lockett.

Hantsport news in Kentville Advertiser: Rev. Benjamin Hills has been spending some time at Port of Spain and parts of Trinidad. He is now in the sunny clime of Bermuda expecting to return home in the spring.

Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Morse of Cheng-tu, West China, arrived in Annapolis last Wednesday, and were guests of Mrs. F. L. Wallace at the Baptist parsonage. The Doctor is this week visiting his brother, Dr. L. R. Morse, in Lawrencetown.

Mr. Louis S. Michie, after having spent several days in town with his family, left for Halifax on Monday where he will join the 64th Battalion for overseas service. "Lou" was first officer on the "S. S. Hocking" which took a cargo from Halifax to Brest, France, last month. After discharging the cargo the steamer was taken to Newcastle-on-Tyne, and given over to the Admiralty.

**THOUGHTFUL OF HIS OXEN**

To the Monitor:—

I witnessed a little incident this morning which if called attention to might be an example for others to follow. A man was driving a yoke of oxen, with some heavy logs on a sled. The snow is off the ground in some places and big drifts in others, from the recent storm. The man had a shovel and when he came to the bare places he quietly stopped his oxen and shovelled the snow from the drifts on to the bare places. Then the heavy sled was drawn over without the slightest trouble, and with ease; not as I have seen many other do, lay on the whip and with cruel blows urge the poor faithful animals beyond their strength until they come panting to the other side. This man whom I saw this morning had brought a shovel with him evidently for the purpose. It did not take a minute and he shovelled with such a swing and the look of manly strength which was not afraid of helping his oxen. I do not know who he is, but that man is bound to succeed.

**A LOVER OF ANIMALS.**

March 28, 1916.

**MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. J. F. DUSTAN**

(Halifax Chronicle)

It is the intention to make the day of the formal re-opening of the Grove Presbyterian Church, following extensive repairs and improvements, and the installation of a pipe organ, the occasion of the unveiling of a tablet to the memory of one to whom the church owes much, the late Rev. J. F. Dustan, its faithful minister for a period of twenty years, during which it grew steadily. The tablet will be of granite. Mr. Dustan, after twenty years association with the church, and to the hearty regret of the whole congregation, by whom he was with excellent reason beloved, accepted a call to Bridgetown, where, two years ago, he died. His name is bound up with the history of the Grove Church, whose people honor themselves in honoring his memory.

The richest man in the world is Czar Nicholas of Russia. He once gave \$1,000,000,000 from his private treasury to Russia's war fund.

**MARRIED**

SANFORD-DANIELS.—At the Baptist parsonage, Port Lorne, N. S., Mar. 15th, by Rev. Asaph Whitman, Charles W. Sanford to Thelma Mae Daniels, both of Lawrencetown.

**DIED**

HUDSON.—Suddenly on March 26th, 1916, at Upper Granville, Hiram Hudson.

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EDWIN RUGGLES and HARRY RUGGLES. —and—  
ELVIRA A. DODGE, and RHEUBEN L. DODGE, appointed by the Court to defend and represent the heirs and persons entitled in the estate of Jessie Dodge, deceased, Defendants.

To be sold at Public Auction, by the Sheriff of the County of Annapolis, or his deputy, at the Court House in the Town of Bridgetown in the said County of Annapolis, on Saturday, the 22nd day of April A. D. 1916, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

Pursuant to an order of foreclosure and sale made herein, and dated the 14th day of March, A. D. 1916, unless before the day of sale the amount due and costs are paid to the Plaintiffs or into Court.

All the estate, right, title, interest and equity of redemption of the said late Jessie Dodge, and of Rheuben L. Dodge appointed by the Court to defend and represent the heirs and persons entitled in the estate of Jessie Dodge, deceased, and of all persons claiming or entitled by, from or under them or any or either of them in and to all those certain tracts, pieces, lots or parcels of land and premises, situated, lying and being in the Fourth Range of Belleisle Marsh, (so-called), in the Township of Granville in the County of Annapolis, and being the eastern half of lot number four, and bounded on the South by the Annapolis River, on the West by lands owned by the late Benjamin Wheelock and William Gillatt, on the North by the Range ditch and on the West by the remaining half of said lot number four, and formerly owned by the late Abel and William Wheelock, containing seven acres more or less.

Also all that certain other piece and parcel of marsh land deeded to the said late Jessie Dodge by the late Edward T. Young by deed bearing date the 13th day of November A. D. 1882, situate in the Township of Granville aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, that is to say: comprising lots numbered three and four in the lower Range of the lower Belleisle marsh, beginning on the South side of the lower Range road (so-called), at the North-east corner of lot number two (2) formerly sold to the late Robert Bent and William D. Bent and running southerly on said Bent's east line to the east line of said lot number two about fifty-two rods or until it comes to the Annapolis River, thence northeasterly the course of the said river around or until it comes to the Range the course of the said river around within one rod of land formerly owned by Harris Bent and thence westerly across the dyke on said Range road thirty-seven rods to the place of beginning, containing eight and a half acres more or less.

Together with all the buildings, hereditaments, easements, and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining.

Terms of Sale.—Ten per cent. deposit at time of sale, remainder on delivery of deed.

J. H. EDWARDS,  
High Sheriff in and for the County of Annapolis.

CHARLES R. CHIPMAN,  
Of the Town of Bridgetown, in the County of Annapolis, Solicitor for Plaintiffs.  
Sheriff's Office, March 17th, 1916.

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