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# The Outlook

## The General Synod

As these lines will appear just as the General Synod opens, it is at once our duty and our privilege to offer that body our heartiest welcome, and again to ask for it the intercessions of all Churchpeople. Our columns have already indicated that there are matters of grave moment to be discussed, and it is in the highest degree essential that our Church should stand out before Canada as a "power that makes for righteousness" by its being an exponent of the pure, full Gospel of Christ. This, beyond all else, is the need of to-day, especially in the light of the oft-repeated charge that the war has demonstrated the collapse of Christianity. It has done nothing of the sort, but only shown, what many knew long before, the utter emptiness of modern civilization, which was supposed to be "Christianized." An American preacher, who recently returned from heterodoxy to orthodoxy, frankly admitted that one cause of his change was the outbreak of the war. Before that he had thought the Kingdom of Heaven was almost at hand, but this catastrophe dispersed his dreams and destroyed his hopes. It is for the Church of Christ, of which our Communion forms a prominent part, to proclaim as never before those fundamental realities for the spiritual life which alone can guarantee individual and corporate blessing. This will soon be seen to involve something infinitely greater than, because wholly different from, the vane of Christianization. It will mean Salvation.

## Germany and America

Those who follow closely the progress of events in the world will have been greatly impressed with certain particulars during the

past ten days. Soon after the ruthless sinking of the "Arabic" the German Government promised the United States that thenceforward no liner should be torpedoed without warning. This was regarded as a great victory for President Wilson's diplomacy, and even by the soberest organs of opinion, sympathetic with the Allies, he was lauded to the skies and his action described as the greatest diplomatic victory for many years. But even then some people in America as well as Canada were doubtful whether all this was exactly as it appeared. There had been very significant hints that a number of German submarines had been lost, and that Germany was finding it difficult to provide the necessary number of trained men to continue the effort. This hypothesis received confirmation from Mr. Balfour's letter, and Germany was quite evidently seen to be making a virtue of necessity. Then came the torpedoing of the "Hesperian," which has caused grave concern in the United States, and is admitted by one of the leading papers, which had been full of praise for President Wilson and Count Bernstorff, to be decidedly "discouraging." It is, indeed, and we call attention to these facts to remind our readers of the serious dangers of generalizing from particulars and of drawing conclusions from a partial survey of facts. The American shout of triumph was premature, and ought never to have been raised, since Germany was wholly unlikely to yield, and thereby confess her error and criminality. The real fact is that Germany has failed in her submarine piracy, and she knows it, and is, therefore, casting about for a policy which will at once show her as ready to yield to America and yet determined to present a bold front to the Allies. But nothing can atone for the deceit, treachery, rapacity and cruelty with which Germany has waged this war. The crimes against truth, righteousness and liberty will remain as an indelible stain. Meanwhile the words of the New York "Globe," referring to Germany and Mexico, indicate the true, and, therefore, the only possible line to take:—

President Wilson is eulogized for his German success and condemned for his Mexican failure. Yet it is the same man, animated by the same spirit and using substantially the same methods. The American press is manifesting again one of its greatest faults, namely, a tendency to judge events and policies not on their own merits but according to how things result.

This is the simple yet sufficient message: Right is right, whether it is successful or not.

## The Greatest Battle in History

We have just passed the first anniversary of the battle of the Marne, rightly described by the above title, when the Allies drove back a much larger force of Germans from the very gates of Paris. Humanly speaking, the Germans ought to have won, but they did not, and, as an English clergyman has said, nothing will make him and many others believe that there was not some superhuman force at work. When Lord Roberts heard the news by telegram, he remarked that God must have intervened, and another leading soldier who was standing by added that "people had been praying." When the full history comes to be written it will be seen that not only for France, but for Great Britain, and, indeed, for the whole world in relation to liberty, this battle was one of the "decisive battles" of history. And we can "thank God and take courage" as we contemplate it.

## Personality

The words of Napoleon about our Lord are often quoted, in which he admitted his inability to "understand that Man," who must have been "more than human." These comments of the great Frenchman are particularly noteworthy:—

"I used to be able to get people to die for me. I got hundreds of thousands, but I had to be there. Now that I am on this island I can't get a man."

But Jesus Christ can obtain men to live and die for Him without being here in person. He is nevertheless a real force, because He still lives in and with His people. Could there be a finer testimony to the power of the "real presence" of Christ with His people?

## Thanksgiving Day

A year ago a correspondent asked why our Church does not hold services on the Thanksgiving Day set apart by the Dominion Parliament. The question was observed by another reader, who pointed out that many years ago, when Bishop (then Canon) DuMoulin was Rector of St. James', Toronto, a service was held there on Thanksgiving night, which was simple and hearty, and attended by a huge congregation. And he asked why this could not be done again, both at St. James', and also at other large and central churches. The date of Thanksgiving Day will soon be announced, and we hope that arrangements will be at once made to hold such services as we have suggested. Why should not our city churches all over the Dominion combine for this? Is it not possible for Deanery meetings to make the necessary plans? And even in many country districts it might be practicable to have combined services. Our Thanksgiving Day this year ought to be made a very special occasion.

## Canada and Children

In a book of great interest and real value, "John Bull's Surplus Children," by Denis Crane (obtainable from F. Hills, Box 55, Hamilton, Ont., at \$1), the important problem of the immigration of children to Canada is carefully discussed. We have also received from the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, the report of Mr. G. Bogue Smart, Chief Inspector of British Immigrant Children and Receiving Homes, entitled "Juvenile Immigration." In both publications the various agencies for bringing children to Canada are described, and the commendation of efforts and methods is most welcome. All who are interested in this great problem should study these two publications. Mr. Crane's book shows the value of child-emigration from the English standpoint, while Mr. Smart naturally discusses it from the Canadian side. We are all agreed that Canada is no dumping-ground for undesirables, but if England gives us of her best, they will be welcomed with all heartiness as among the most valuable elements of our future moral and economic welfare.

## The Summer Slump in Churches

A very unfair attack was made the other day by the Toronto "Star" on the clergy of various denominations in regard to summer holidays and the work of churches. No allowance was made for the need of rest and recuperation by clergy, but, instead, they were rebuked for letting things go down in their churches during the summer months, and told they ought not all to go away at the same time. We are, therefore, glad that one of our