

## Is Preaching a Lost Art

A generation ago no one who visited London failed to include in the attractions to be seen and heard the pulpits of those days. They were venerable giants. To name only three there was Spurgeon at the Tabernacle, Liddon at St. Paul's, and Parker at the City Temple. It was a part of the programme of any visitor who desired to taste the best that London had to offer in any medium to hear one or all of them, writes "Alpha of the Plough" in the Star, on a subject suggested by the recent death of Dr. Jowett.

"Veteran sermon-tasters like the late Lord Fisher would often contrive to hear all three of them in one day. In their several ways, they were probably greater masters of their craft than any three men who have filled the pulpits of London since their time, but it may be doubted whether, if their equivalents were to appear among us, they would attract the extraordinarily popular attention which the originals commanded. Something of the decline in the appeal of the pulpit is no doubt due to the failure of personality, but more of it is due to the enormous growth of indifference in the mind of the public to what the pulpit stands for.

"The two causes react on each other. The changed outlook in regard to orthodoxy has diverted from the pulpit much of the most spiritual and intellectual elements that in other days would have given it fame and distinction. They have been withdrawn into other channels of activity, worldly channels or social channels. And the consequent impoverishment has, in turn, diminished the appeal of the pulpit to the general public. The sermon can only flourish in a society that has faith and that is profoundly concerned with spiritual things.

"Its golden age was the seventeenth century when men got as excited about predestination as we get to-day about the capital levy or a fight between Carpenter and Dempsey, and when they were ready to slay or be slain for a comma in a creed. The gorgeous pulpit eloquence of those days, of Donne, Jeremy Taylor, Baxter, and the rest, comes down to me like music from another sphere. Sermons could not then be too long. John Howe won Cromwell's heart by turning the hour-glass in the pulpit and saving bravely on to the second hour, and the records of the mere physical feats of the Puritan preachers read like the achievements of another order of creation.

"Is the pulpit doomed to extinction? Have the printing press, with its torrent of books and newspapers, the cinema, the broadcasting agency and other appeals to the popular mind, disestablished the preacher and reduced the sermon to obsolescence? I do not think so. We are in the trough of a great wave of reaction, but there will be a revival of interest in the things of the spirit, and the preacher will come back on the flow of the tide.

"He will not charm us with the old aerial music, nor will he lash us into frenzy over the dead dogmas that kept the Puritans enthralled by the hour. It is significant of the preaching of the future and of the response that awaits it that the most conspicuous figure in the London pulpit to-day is a man who faces the problems of life with a freshness and integrity that give religion a vital relation to everyday existence. The grand old preacher of old days 'raised a mortal to the skies'; the preacher of the future will 'draw an angel down'.

"In the revival of the pulpit the appeals to mere emotions will not serve. 'Every attempt in a sermon,' said Coleridge, 'to cause emotion, except as the consequence of an impression made on the reason or the understanding or the will, I hold to be fanatical and sectarian.' And for this reason he expressed his preference for the sermon that was honestly read rather than for the extemporised sermon. 'I never yet heard,' he said, 'more than one preacher without a book who did not forget his argument in three minutes time and fall into vague and unprofitable declamation.'

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## Doheny of the Teapot Dome Scandal

New York.—(Canadian Press)

The career of Edward L. Doheny, oil operator, dates back to the days of actual pioneering. He swung a pick in the old days. The present finds him a multi-millionaire whose influence is the subject of an investigation by the Senate of the United States. Doheny's parents were Irish-Canadian pioneers who settled in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. It was there that young Doheny graduated from high school in 1872 at the age of sixteen. His rise to wealth has been spectacular and he has been in the public eye a number of times. The beginning of his career can be traced to his first prospecting expedition in 1876, an unlucky one, into the Black Hills. Nothing of value was discovered and Doheny's few hundreds of dollars of savings vanished. The experience taught him the value of a technical education and in line with his ambitions as a prospector he bought books and studied metallurgy, geology and chemistry. Soon thereafter he discovered the Black Range mine, belt in Sierra County, N.M., and the news of his find brought thousands of eager fortune hunters. Doheny, still young, not much over twenty, and bitten by the wanderlust, sold his interest and turned away from the discovery with a profit of \$30,000 to mark his first step upward. Had he remained his discovery would have netted him a large fortune. He sought wilder country and a quicker road to fortune and found the Silver Placer mine at Kingston, N.M., where it is said he picked chunks of pure silver.

Lady Horwood first spoke in appreciation of the distinction conferred by the presence of His Excellency the Governor, an unexpected and unique experience in the records of the club. Miss Morris, Librarian at the Colonial Building, is noted for her comprehensive knowledge of local history and customs. Her addresses are veritable achievements in research work, and it seems a pity that such valuable material should not be preserved. Saturday's address on "Homes of our early Governors," ranged from the time when our Governors came from England only for the summer months, and those few months they lived on board ship. Later, when houses were built for their convenience those houses were most inconveniently planned, badly built, cold and very leaky. The death of Sir Francis Pickmore was directly attributed to toil, exposure and anxiety which he suffered during the early winter months of 1818. Miss Morris gave some of those quaint home touches from ancient records, that beget keen sympathy with life of by-gone times. At the close of the address a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Lady Allardice and seconded by Mrs. J. A. W. McNelly. The members then had the pleasure of hearing Sir Wm. Allardice speak for the first time in their rooms. His Excellency gave some humorous details in connection with the Falkland Islands and appropriate remarks concerning experiences there, in reference to facts related by Miss Morris.

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## Sleeves or No Sleeves

Rival Fashions.

Early spring models show that dress designers are exercising their ingenuity in the matter of sleeves—and no sleeves. For there are two rival fashion factions, and it remains to be seen which will win.

Those who favour sleeves are producing amazing variety. Some sleeves are long, practically skin-tight, extending almost to the tips of the fingers; others are long and full and left loose or gathered into tight-fitting cuffs.

Cuffs may be narrow or wide, reaching to the elbow or consisting merely of a narrow band of ribbon encircling the wrist.

The "no sleeves" model is not confined to evening gowns. Day frocks are displayed which are entirely sleeveless.

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Schr. C. H. Rasmussen is now 18 days out from here with a cargo of fish bound to Oporto.

Did you hear the Orchestra at the Concert, if you did, you're for the Grenfell Hall on St. Patrick's night. If you did not. Don't fail to get a ticket for the Masquerade Dance on St. Patrick's night.—mar7,31



TOM MIX AND BARBARA BEDFORD in ROMANCE LAND

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## The Old Colony Club

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## Leave Labor at the Plough Handles

Lloyd George Says Members of the Government Will Soon Have Ach-ing Backs and Weary Hearts.

West Hartlepool, England, March 1.—Addressing delegates representing the united forces of Liberalism in the Northern Counties of England to-day, Mr. Lloyd George said that it was just like Great Britain's luck that "the first experiment in Socialist administration had come under conditions where it could do the least harm, even conditions which could do a great deal of good" and the experience was having a salutary effect on the impetuous souls of the Socialist Party.

"I am all for leaving them for some time before the plough handles," he continued. "They will soon have aching backs and weary hearts but very much wiser heads and in the future they will realize you cannot plough from the clouds."

He likened Premier MacDonald to an air squadron leader of Socialism, who spent most of his time in the white clouds of socialistic idealism, but now he was a changed man since he had joined the infantry and had to trudge on mother earth carrying a knapsack.

In Mr. MacDonald's first speech as Premier, continued Mr. Lloyd George, "all the restraints, reservations and compromises which mundane statesmen hitherto have indulged in were repeated in every particular. When I heard Mr. MacDonald, who had indulged in the shrillest notes, pitching his tune so low and imitating the very modest notes from less pretentious singers, he recalled the memory of many a cracked tenor who had been forced to become a baritone."

He said the last Government was a spectacle of pathetic fatuity and was not a very high compliment to pay the existing Ministers to say that whatever were their defects or shortcomings they were infinitely better than the men they had supplanted. "If the present Government," he concluded, "in a moment of folly proposes a capital levy on any measures for the overthrow of private enterprise, the whole of the Liberal party will vote against it, without regard to the effect on the fortunes of the Government."

## Woman Killed in Duel

Her Opponent Shot by Her Young Son

A pistol duel between Mrs. R. W. Clark, 56, the defeated candidate for the post of Mayor of the town of Palmetto, Louisiana, and Mr. Loup Meyers, 50, her opponent, resulted in the death of both. The battle illustrates the primitive passions which rage in many of the more remote parts of Louisiana.

The allegation is that Mr. Meyers, who was a prominent merchant in the town, prevented the re-election of his woman rival by importing his brother from Port Arthur, Texas. This one vote defeated her.

Yesterday Mrs. Clark and her daughter Wilda bearded Mr. Meyers on the platform of Palmetto railway station. After a fierce argument Mrs. Clark drew a pistol from the folds of her dress and began firing. Bullets pierced Mr. Meyers' lung and stomach.

He grappled with her, but the daughter struck him, and the mother broke loose from his grasp. Despite his wounds, Mr. Meyers drew his own revolver and fired, instantly killing Mrs. Clark. The girl Wilda wrenched the pistol from the hand of her dead mother and fired, but the aim of Meyers was better, and she fell wounded in the hip.

A young son of Mrs. Clark who had been hiding behind a goods truck then emptied the contents of a shot gun into Meyers and killed him. The girl Wilda is not expected to live.

## Life in Russia

EXILE'S STORY OF COUNTRY LIKE A BARRED CAGE.

BERLIN.—"It is very difficult for anybody to get out of Russia at the present time," M. Joseph Fisher, a Russian Jew, who has just been exiled for life from Russia, tells me. As a political refugee, he was allowed to come to Germany, but, in his own words, for most people "Russia is a barred cage from which there is no escape."

Conditions in prison are far worse than they were in the time of the Czar, he said. Then everybody was treated alike, but under the government of the so-called representatives of the workers, there is a tremendous distinction between the rich and the poor. A working-man or peasant has a frightful time in prison, and the food is so bad that he almost dies of starvation. A man with money can always bribe the gaolers and get what he wants.

Anybody who remains faithful to his religion, whether he be Orthodox or Catholic or Jewish, is persecuted by the Bolsheviks. You know their motto: "Religion is opium for the masses." Jewish schools have been closed and it is forbidden to give children instruction in the Hebrew language. Our sports organization has been forbidden and the Jewish Boy Scouts have been broken up.

## Dog Spoils a Plot

Hidden Robber in Trunk Gets Shot.

From a motor-car which stopped outside a large farm at Warndon, on the French frontier, two well-dressed men got down and asked the farmer for permission to leave in his care a large trunk which, they said, contained contraband.

Soon after their departure the farmer saw his dog going round and round the trunk. Suspicious, he fired a revolver shot into the trunk and soon saw a stream of blood trickling from it.

Further investigations revealed a man with a bullet wound in the leg, who confessed that he was to have remained in hiding till night and, when all was quiet, to have given a signal to his confederates, who intended to sack the farm.

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## How Long Will Prohibition Last?

Prohibition newspapers are apparently worried over the prospect of another referendum or other legislation in respect to the Ontario Temperance Act.

So far the members of the Ontario Government have promised little in a definite way. At the opening of the Ontario Legislature the other day in the Speech from the Throne it was stated that a Bill would be submitted enabling the Government to secure an expression of opinion from the people with reference to Provincial liquor legislation. This may mean much or little. Presumably it means a referendum sooner or later. This would be as well, for unquestionably there has been a decided swing in public opinion in respect to the Ontario Temperance Act toward a more liberal law.

To all intents and purposes the victory of the present government is attributable to two causes, a general disgust with Farmer Government methods combined with a dislike for present prohibition measures. If one is inclined to disagree with this statement let them count the "drys" that were left at home and the "wets" that were elected. The turnover was all but complete.

There is no reason to believe that the sentiment of the voters of Ontario is materially different from that of British Columbia, Alberta and Manitoba. Saskatchewan might also, with no great stretch of the imagination, be added, as it is a foregone conclusion that the latter province will step out of the "dry" column ere long. Such being the case there is every reason to believe that the "dry" majority of 166,000 given in 1921 would be cut to ribbons if another vote is taken this year.

With the statement that prohibition as we have it, "has been an enormous gain, morally, materially and socially to the community," one may honestly differ. This so-called prohibition has brought its own evils and has signally failed to do what its enthusiastic backers said it would do, and it is full time that the public pulse was once more felt through the ballot box.—Saturday Night.

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