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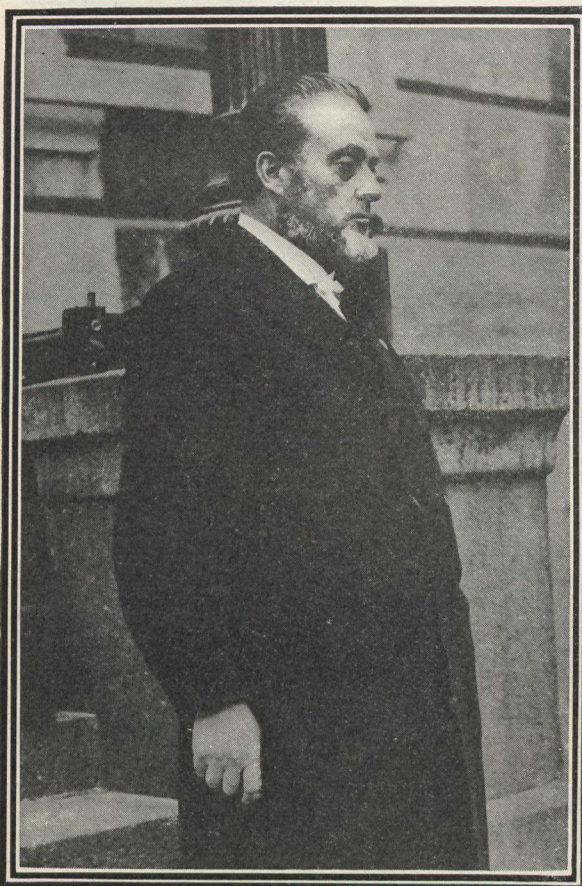
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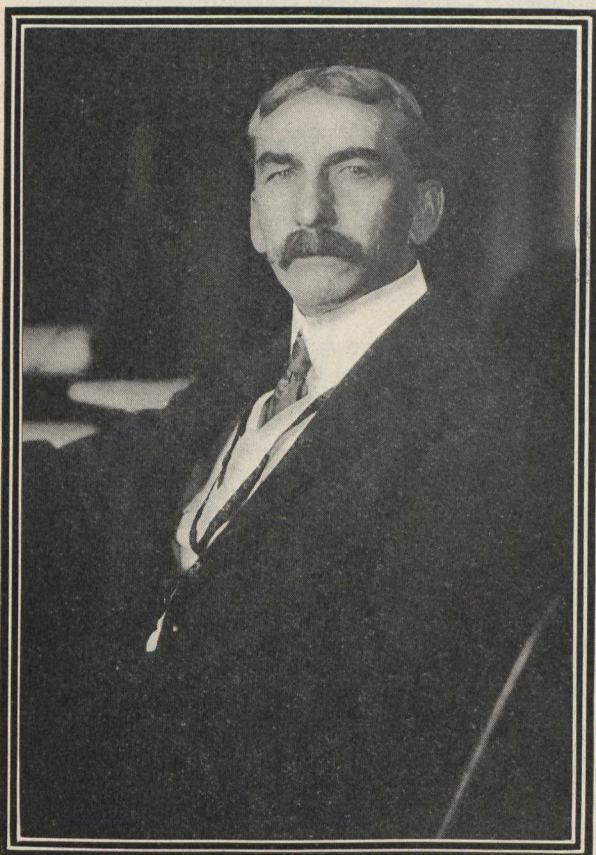
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LEADER OF THE ATTACK UPON REV. MR. JACKSON.
At the Wesleyan Conference at Plymouth, Rev. C. Armstrong Bennett Issued a Pamphlet in Which He Denounced the Views of Mr. Jackson Upon the Old Testament and Moved Against His Appointment to a Chair of Pastoral Theology.



THE RECALLED MEXICAN MINISTER.
Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson Has Been Recalled From Mexico by His Namesake, the President, Who Proposes to Take Over the Mexican Situation Himself. None of Mr. Wilson's Plans for the Handling of President Huerta Suit the President.

People Talked About

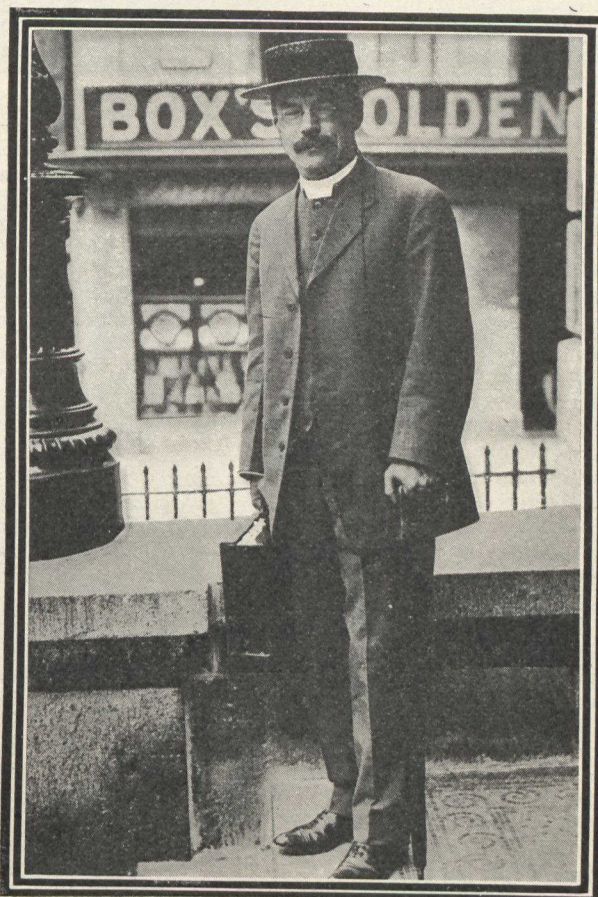
REV. GEORGE JACKSON has survived another heresy hunt. The Wesleyan Conference, in Plymouth, Eng., has exonerated him by an overwhelming vote of the charge brought against him by Rev. C. Armstrong Bennett, whose uncompromising but thoroughly sincere picture appears on this page opposite that of a little, keen-eyed, big-spectacled man who looks just about enough like Kipling to be his brother. The fuss was all about the Fernley letters of the divine, who since he went back to England from Canada has been designated to the staff of Didsbury College.* These letters reaffirmed Mr. Jackson's advanced views on Old Testament books, fully set forth in his own extended work on that subject. They concerned the first eleven chapters of Genesis and some other matters about which higher critics have been disputing for many years.

It was the Book of Genesis that got Mr. Jackson in the toils of Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada. Two years ago or more Mr. Jackson, then pastor of Sherbourne St. Methodist Church, Toronto, delivered an address at the Y. M. C. A. in that city which seemed to a few rigidly orthodox Methodists to be a sort of heresy. Dr. Carman wrote a long letter to the *Toronto Globe* condemning Mr. Jackson's views as opposed to plain Methodism. Some of the more advanced laity took it up. The case became famous.

Mr. Jackson was at the time Professor of the English Bible in Victoria College, and his position as a teacher of young preachers made his case all the more significant. But he weathered the storm and afterwards returned to England.

JACKSON is the sort of man that rigid orthodoxy finds hard to keep down. He is able to disprove that he is merely heterodox. He is in fact not a self-styled higher critic, although a student of the advanced higher criticism set forth by Denny and Fairbairn. In the main, Mr. Jackson is an evangelist. For eighteen years, indeed, he had charge of the principal mission church in Edinburgh, which is at the same time the home of the most advanced higher criticism. It was the impetus he got in Edinburgh towards what may be called evangelical higher criticism that made him almost instantly famous in Canada. He came to this country for his health. He got it—and more. He went back to England to keep out of difficulty as far as possible, and at the same time remain Rev. George Jackson. He found that some of the English Wesleyans were miles behind the Scotch brethren in liberal interpretation of the Bible.

After all the ruction caused by the Fernley letters, Mr. Jackson was honourably exonerated by the Conference from any intention of trying to depart from the best principles of tried and established Methodism. The best tribute to his teaching and to his character as a Professor of the Bible came from Right Hon. Walter Runciman, of the Board of Agriculture, who frankly admitted that unless men of Mr. Jackson's calibre could be kept from heresy-hounding by the Church, the young men of to-day would have to look elsewhere than to Methodism for the most enlightened doctrines useful in this day and generation. The best opinion both in England and Canada will uphold Mr. Jackson, who, while he was in this country, showed no disposition to be a purveyor of mere sensation. The keen-eyed, busy-looking man in the sailor hat is all right. He is an exponent of new Methodism; just the kind of new Methodism that John Wesley would preach if he were on earth to-day.



THE HERESY-HUNTED REV. GEORGE JACKSON.
The Now Famous Exponent of Evangelical Higher Criticism is Here Seen Leaving the Conference Chapel at Plymouth After the Motion to Set Aside His Appointment to the Pastoral Chair at Didsbury College Had Been Voted Down by the Conference.



RECOVERING 3,000-YEAR-OLD ANTIQUE.
Mr. A. C. Vouras, Greek Charge d'Affaires at Washington, Has Made Himself Famous by Finding in the Back Yard of a Greek Candy Merchant in Washington a Statuette of a Young Girl Stolen in 1900 From the National Museum at Athens.