

RED MEN'S RIGHTS

BISHOP LAWLER URGES THE EXTENSION OF FULL CITIZENSHIP

Washington, Dec. 14.—Prominent educators of all denominations, both laymen and clergymen and others interested in the Indian problem, composing the Advisory Council of One Hundred on Indian Affairs, met here under the auspices of the Department of the Interior during the past week to draw up recommendations concerning the relationships between the Federal Government and its Indian wards. When and how full citizenship should be extended to these Indians and when the existing Indian Bureau should be abolished constituted the chief topics before the conference. Education, health and sanitation, ceremonial dances, land tenure and economic problems affecting the Indians were also discussed. Interest centered around the controversy between those members who advocated a recommendation to place a definite limit upon the life of the Indian Bureau and to extend full citizenship rights to the Indians, and those who were unwilling to favor such a departure from the present policy. The Right Rev. J. J. Lawler, Bishop of Lead, was a leader of those who favored full citizenship and a limitation of the life of the present Indian Bureau. Bishop Lawler was supported in his attitude by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of New York, William Jennings Bryan, Governor Fries of Minnesota, and other prominent members of the Council, but when the vote was taken, at a time when Mr. Bryan, Rabbi Wise and others were not present, the Council refused to go on record as favoring such action.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Included among the recommendations which the Advisory Council made to the Secretary of the Interior are the following: that the Public School system be fully opened to Indian children and that religious denominations be encouraged in their educational work on the reservations; that an appropriation of \$100,000 for health and sanitation work be sought and that a survey of Indian health conditions be made; that Indian title rights to land and natural resources be protected by executive order pending final determination of status by Congress; that the Indian Commissioner be commended for his efforts to discourage ceremonial dances of an immoral nature or that adversely affect the Indians' economic status; that efforts be made to expedite judicial decisions on the Pueblo land cases involving titles in the Southwest and both settlers and Indians be compensated for losses sustained through government mismanagement or negligence, and that Indians be given the right to have a final accounting of claims against the Government in the Court of Claims.

BISHOP LAWLER'S STATEMENT

Commenting on the Advisory Council's failure to recommend full citizenship for the Indians and a definite time for the abolition of the Indian Bureau, Bishop Lawler said: "As we are assembled here from all parts of our country to discuss the Indian problem and as we have been invited to give frank expression to our views on the merits or demerits of our governmental policy of dealing with the Indian, I feel free to say that, personally, I consider our Indian policy radically defective as an agency for elevating the Indian race. In the time at my disposal I can only allude briefly to some of the things in our system that militate against the welfare of the Indian. Our Indians have suffered from too much protection, too much supervision, too much paternalism. They have been treated too long as wards of the nation, as inferiors, as children. Though millions are spent annually for the education of the Indian, for his health and for the conservation of his property, yet our system has failed, on the whole, to develop his character, to make him a self-reliant, self-supporting, self-respecting member of society. Our system has in it an inherent tendency to make the Indian a dependent, incompetent, shiftless being for the reason that it causes him to live in the hope of getting his share of the funds held for him by the Government. Rations and annuities are not insignificant hindrances to the betterment of the Indian. As the years of his life are spent in a state of expectancy and dependency the spirit of initiative, self-reliance and self-respect is not developed in him. While he has an inheritance in prospect he ekes out a miserable existence. The sooner our Government gives the Indian his portion of the funds belonging to him, the better. Let him have it and let him shift for himself. When he is brought face to face with the stern realities of life he will soon begin to hustle for himself and will become an industrious, useful member of the community in which he lives. If other races were driven into reservations and subjected to the rules and regulations of a bureau they too would soon degenerate into the shiftlessness, idleness, and lack of initiative which are now characteristic of the Indian.

NO STANDING IN COURTS

"Legally the plight of the Indian is pitiable. Legislation should be

enacted giving him the right to invoke and obtain the protection of the courts of our country both State and Federal in any matter pertaining to his personal rights or private or tribal property and a review by the courts upon both questions of fact and law of any decision of any administrative officer affecting his personal or property rights. He should be enabled to obtain through the Court of Claims, in all cases, a judicial and final account with his guardian, the United States. "We educate the Indian but to what purpose? Do we provide a field for the exercise of his ability? Do we allow him to become one of us? Do we welcome him into our national life to partake of the blessings of our civilization? The door of opportunity is closed on our Indians after they have completed their education. The complaint is often made that the graduates of schools and colleges revert to the original type soon after their return to the reservations. What else can they do under the circumstances? "Let us give the Indian unrestricted citizenship. What about his right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness? Have we not kept him in tutelage too long? We should treat him as a human being, develop his manhood, dignify him and bestow upon him all the rights, privileges, responsibilities and immunities of full fledged citizenship.

WOULD ABOLISH BUREAU "The inauguration of a new policy at this time would not be the best solution of the problem as it would mean more delay in righting the wrongs of the Indian. We have already experimented too much. Let us do justice to the Indian. Let us emancipate him completely within a specified number of years. In view of the widespread consensus of opinion that the Indian should not be kept in perpetual tutelage—that the period of his dependency should be shortened, it seems to me that the enactment of legislation looking to the termination of governmental trusteeship and guardianship in the not distant future would be a blessing. Catholic ecclesiastics, beside Bishop Lawler, who are members of the Advisory Council are: the Right Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, Rector of the Catholic University; the Rev. William Hughes, Director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, and the Rev. Philip T. Gordon, an Indian priest.

HISTORY SOCIETY'S PROGRAM

Washington, Nov. 16.—The regular autumn meeting of the Executive Council of the American Catholic Historical Association was held on Tuesday, Nov. 13, 1923, at St. Patrick's Rectory, Washington, D. C. The President of the Association, Dr. Charles H. McCarthy, was chairman and there were present Dr. Gaillard Hunt, of the State Department, First Vice-President; Dr. Leo F. Stock, of the Catholic University, Washington, D. C., Second Vice-President; Right Rev. Monsignor Thomas, D. D., Rector of St. Patrick's Church, Washington, D. C., Treasurer; Miss Frances Brawner, Archivist; Rev. Dr. Edwin Ryan, and Rev. Dr. Peter Guilday, the Secretaries of the Association.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONVENTION

Dr. Guilday's report on the activities of the Association during the past year was received with much pleasure by the members present. In outlining the preparations for the fourth Annual Meeting which will be held in Columbus, Dec. 26-29, 1923, at the Hotel Desher, Dr. Guilday reported upon his visit to Columbus during Easter week of this year, and expressed his pleasure over the cordial reception granted to him by the Right Rev. James J. Hartley, D. D., Bishop of Columbus, who is a life-member of the Association. The Columbus Committee on Local Arrangement, of which the Rev. John J. Murphy, Superintendent of Schools in the Diocese of Columbus, is chairman, has its plans fairly completed for the reception and entertainment of the Association.

The meeting in Columbus will consist of public sessions of conferences general on Church history, to which all are invited, luncheon, conferences and business meetings. The following papers have been selected for the meeting and will be read at the three public sessions: 1. Rev. John Graham, St. Patrick's Rectory, Washington, D. C., "St. Charles Borromeo and the Training of Diocesan Clergy." 2. Rev. Dr. Herman Fisher, Josephinum, Columbus, "The Belief in the Continued Existence of the Roman Empire of the West During the Fifth and Sixth Centuries."

3. Rev. Alfred Kaufman, S. J., Creighton University, Omaha, "Ernest Renan: The Man." 4. Rev. M. G. Rupp, S. T. L., St. Joseph, Mo., "Hugo Grotius and International Peace." 5. Rev. John Rager, S. T. L., Shelbyville, Ind., "The Venerable Cardinal Bellarmine's Defence of Popular Government in the Sixteenth Century." 6. Rev. Dr. Thomas Coakley, Pittsburgh, "The Historical Contribution of the Catholic Church to World Progress." 7. Rev. Richard Quinlan, S. T. L., Boston, Mass., "The Influence of



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Three luncheon conferences have been arranged as follows: 1. A conference on the "Historical Objections Against the Church" to be presided over by Rev. Bertrand L. Conway, C. S. P., New York City. 2. A conference on the "Historical Publications of Catholic Truth Societies," to be presided over by Rev. Dr. McGinnis, of the I. C. T. S., Brooklyn, N. Y. 3. A conference between the members of the Association and the Watterson Reading Circle, of which Miss Katherine Reardon is President.

HISTORICAL CLUB ORGANIZED AT C. U. Among the many evidences of interest in the work of the Association may be mentioned the founding of the Historical Club at the Catholic University. This club is composed of the professors and instructors in history at the University. It meets every two weeks, and since some of the members are at the same time on the Editorial Staff of the Catholic Historical Review, there is kept alive all through the year a close touch upon all historical activities, Catholic and non-Catholic throughout the world. The Association expects a large gathering of members and friends at Columbus during Christmas week.

THE GUILD SYSTEM AS MODEL FOR LABOR

Dublin, Dec. 4.—Labor and social problems are daily receiving more attention. Rev. T. A. Finlay, S. J., said in an address delivered in Dublin that it would be wiser to revert to the old Christian principle that man is dependent upon man and that there is a bond of Christian brotherhood between them. The dependence of the worker upon the employer and of the employer upon the worker should be mutually recognized. Under the Guild system there was in point of interest no difference between master and man. The difference existed only in name and function. The wage earner as known today emerged after the French Revolution, when absolute individual liberty in industry was established. The result of that liberty had been that a large proportion of workmen have been given liberty to starve. He had never heard anybody define what constituted a "just wage." He submitted that the wage should be in proportion to the element of labor employed to produce a certain quantity of material. A "just wage" meant value for value. "The living wage" question was quite a different thing, for the question of value did not then arise. How was the standard of living to be defined? On the whole the best thing that could be done would be to renounce once and for all the idea of the "labor market," and recognize the fact that labor was not a commodity to be bought and sold like iron and cloth. The feeling of

human sympathy should be present even in commercial transactions. At the inaugural meeting of the Solicitors' Apprentices' Debating Society strikes and bad housing were mentioned as outstanding causes of much of the misery in cities. Mr. A. E. Wood, K. C., asserted that the first people to introduce strikes were the people who controlled the riches of the earth. Industrialism and organized capital had the whole resources of the race in control. The politicians were but the creatures of their banks, and the banks were but the creatures and servants of industrialism. Mr. Gavan Duffy advocated profit-sharing as a remedy for industrial unrest. Speaking in the Dail Mr. Dalton said the joint efforts of employers and employees were needed to foster the country's industries. He urged the establishment of an Arbitration Board to deal with the evil of strikes and lock-outs.

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