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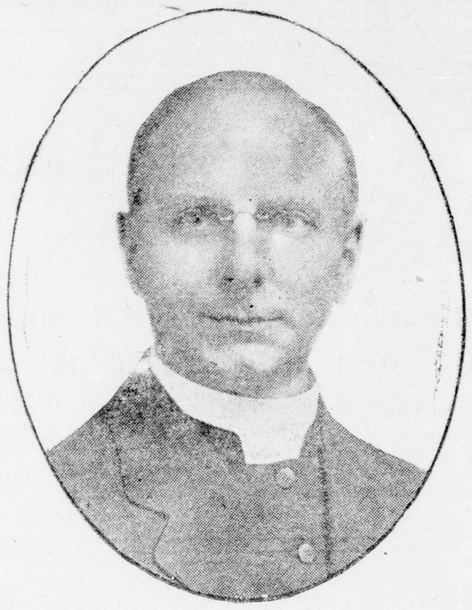
OUTSPOKEN PASTOR OF ST. JAMES' ANGLICAN CHURCH, SOUTH LONDON

Rev. W. L. Armitage Is Modernist in Viewing Scope of His Work, But He Clings Tenaciously to the Bible as Revelation of God's Wishes.

Preachers are apt to become known to the populace by the sermons they preach and by the work they accomplish in the church to which they are attached. In London there are, however, many clergymen whose personalities are such that a glimpse at them tells more of the men than do their sermons. It is with the object of bringing these personalities before the public that The Advertiser prints today the fifth of a series of sketches which it is hoped, will include all those presiding over the destinies of the various churches.



Advertiser Illustrations

REV. W. L. ARMITAGE.

Easter Sunday, but a morning of pouring rain. In the church with its crimson carpets, rich-toned stained glass windows, immense flags hovering over the chancel, and Union Jack draping the pulpit, the glow of the great chandelier has created the illusion of sunlight.

Snow-white Easter lilies silhouetted against the altar railing and banking the communion table breathe the story of resurrection and of life. The voice of the clergyman, Rev. W. L. Armitage, has a note of exaltation as he reads the majestic pronouncement from Revelations: "I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end"; the confession of Paul: "Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept"; or the story of the visit to the empty tomb very early on the first day in the week, the world's first Easter morn.

Christ Is Risen.

The world's Easter morning hallelujah song is the motif which runs insistently like a golden thread through every phase of the service, the theme of joy after despair, light after darkness and hope of victory over death itself woven into a sermon.

The text?

"Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept."

Now and again as the discourse progresses, the rector emphasizes a point by a gesture which is apparently characteristic. He catches up from the pulpit before him in his left hand his Bible bound in limp leather, perhaps turning rapidly the pages with his right hand. It is thus, evidently, that he draws attention to what to him is the court of last resort in judging between right and wrong and good and evil.

Knew the Bitterness.

Christ has triumphed over death and the grave, but to win such victory, it was necessary first for the Saviour of the world to know the bitterness of death. In his resurrection, Christ has become the glorious forerunner of the harvest, the token that others shall rise to newness of life.

Proof of it?

There is firm conviction in the voice of the rector of St. James' Church, South London, when he declares that it is easier to prove the resurrection as an historic fact than to prove that Caesar was killed by the hand of an assassin on the floor of the senate in Rome; easier to prove that Christ arose after three days in the tomb than that Socrates lived and taught philosophy.

There were more witnesses of the resurrection than of the death of Caesar.

Considering the thrift of life in the universe, does it seem logical that the life of superlative nobility, infinite purity and holiness should cease at the conclusion of a short span of thirty-three years?

Yet people in all the ages of the Christian era have fought their way through doubt to the light and faith, fought their way through throes like unto those of the valley of the shadow of death and the darkness of the grave.

Paul, Sincere Doubter.

No greater doubter ever lived than Paul, the man essentially religious and sincere, jealous for the honor of Judaism and of the Jehovah of the Israelites. "Sincere," said Mr. Armitage; "he had not grasped the fundamental prophecy of God in regard to the Messiah to come. His aversion to Jesus was sincere because he had not thoroughly examined him. Then came the revelation on the road to Damascus, which made possible the triumphant declaration, 'Now is Christ risen from the dead.'

"The friends of Paul would dissuade him from his new belief, his new allegiance. Are there not times in our lives when the things about us, perhaps our friends have tried to keep us from good things? Even the disciples of Jesus would have had him take the easier way, the path of least resistance, when the Master knew that for him the only way was the way of the cross.

Chose Hard Way.

"Paul chose the way of difficulty and of danger for his faith, and the faith of a man must be strong in a cause when he clings to it regardless of danger. It was because of faith in the righteousness of a cause that our men and women in the past years of the war have known and endured even death itself, endured unfalteringly to the end, believing that right would triumph over wrong, and victory be enthroned.

"The victory of Christ over death speaks to us of things which seem even greater to us in our little lives today. The Easter message gives us the meaning of the tremendous sacrifices of the last few years. It brings the consolation that death is swallowed up in victory, the radiant promise that as the first fruits were always brought and laid on the altar as the earnest of the harvest; so Christ, the first and fairest fruits, is the symbol of richer, more glorious life after death."

Old, Old Story.

It is the old Easter story, the story that has been told throughout the Christian world each recurring Easter since Mary Magdalene and the other Mary found the tomb empty very early in the morning. It is told with simplicity, earnestness and reverence, told in the natural, speaking voice. The story in itself is sufficiently impressive and gripping without theatrical manner or inflection of voice on the part of the narrator. Rev. W. Leslie Armitage is simple and direct in his method of preaching, as in the exercise of all the offices of priest throughout the service. He evidently has respect for the natural voice, which he uses to excellent advantage in making what he has to say heard. He may cherish the conviction that priests are heard for their intoning, but there was no indication of this on Easter Sunday morning, or any other time on which the church tramp has been privileged to listen to him.

Rather a Radical.

In the Anglican Church, Rev. W. Leslie Armitage is a distinctly modern type of ecclesiastic. His views are pronounced concerning the relation of the church and its leaders to the social problems of the age. The leaders in the church, he has been heard to declare, should be leaders of moral reform and welfare movements, not wait to see which way the cat is going to jump before taking a stand. Radical, rather, certainly not conservative.

Thoroughly alive to what is going on in the world around him, he holds the view of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount that genuinely Christian people are the salt of the earth and that it is their business to see that they perform the functions of salt in purifying and keeping society more wholesome and sweet, than it is inclined to be.

Who is his parishioner? Anybody that needs his help. He asks from the pulpit for the names of the sick in his parish or those otherwise confined to their homes that he may visit them during the week.

Deeply Interested.

His interest is unbounded in the work of his Sunday school, in the activities of each of his church organizations. Thoroughly up-to-the-minute in his ideas of efficient equipment for carrying on parish work and the value of this, he is looking forward with officials of his church to the day when St. James' will have a new Sunday school, or perhaps more appropriately, church school building, erected to the memory of the late first rector of the parish, Very Rev. Dean Evans Davis. Associated with this "castle in Spain" is another which promises some day, not too far away, to materialize. This is going to be a parish hall, a centre of parish social activities, with its gymnasium, reading-room, and so on, in which old and young can gather. The tablet over its door will be a dedication to the memory of the gallant sons of the church whose lives were laid down in the war.

Next Thursday, commencing at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, is to be a kind of missionary field day in the church, when missionary activities of the church throughout the world will be reviewed, a survey made of mission fields and their needs. How can people be interested in things about which they do not know? How can they be expected to support causes they do not understand? If there is to be missionary giving, there must first be missionary knowledge. Any other system lacks intelligence.

Home First.

While the rallying call to the Christian army demands that those who enlist under the banner of Christ must do their part in sending the gospel message to the ends of the earth, Mr. Armitage is much too practical to overlook what is going on in the city, province and country in which he lives. Why send the message of salvation to the heathen, unless you keep Canada clean? He firmly believes that the enthronement of religion, the dedication of one day in seven to the worship of God to be of supreme and first importance to national well being. One day in seven as a rest day, he insists is necessary for the human machine. He covets for other men the opportunities that are his own, and would preserve for them the rights that are his own. He perhaps has advantage over others by virtue of his office. He would hold or wrest for others the same rights that are his of one day in seven. That is why he has closely identified himself with the Lord's Day Alliance movement, notwithstanding the many calls upon his time, consenting recently to become the secretary of the local branch.

Not a Follower.

Following a leader in sheeplike fashion isn't a role that is easily associated in the mind with Mr. Armitage. He thinks things out for himself and speaks and acts accordingly. The ring of decision in his voice tells this. His sturdy independence manifested itself when he was called upon last spring to address the graduating class of Huron College. He dared to dispense with platitudes and talk to his younger brothers about points of etiquette, personal habits and even choosing wives in a manner saved from bluntness only by the courteousness of tone, and the manifestly sincere desire to be helpful which prompted such admonition.

"What has London done about mothers' pensions?" was a question asked a few days ago by the rector of St. James' of a citizen very much interested in the subject. Then he mentioned case after case that had come under his observation of widows left with young children in such financial circumstances that to bereavement over loss of husband must be added the cruelty of separation from little ones. "Is it fair or right that the mother and children should thus be made to suffer in a civilized country?"

Economy?

He wanted to know indignantly what possible economy is it to take the children and put them in an institution at the cost of the community, augmented perhaps by the Provincial Government, while the mother gives up the nest and turns to work which is distinctly not hers, while she is capable of rearing her sons and daughters for good citizenship.

And what of the blunting effect upon the children? There was that young mother whose husband was taken off suddenly by the influenza epidemic, an ideal mother and home-maker. But, with the death of the head of the home, the source of income is gone, and there is no one to whom to turn for assistance. Only one of many such tragic cases of the past six or seven months! What is going to be done about it?

Rev. W. Leslie Armitage is willing to do anything that lies in his power and for which time permits to insure the rights of children and of widowed mothers, the rights of fathers, too, left with a motherless brood to care for.

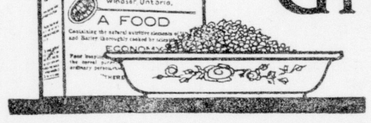
So many things to be done! But the parish work, and the office of priest must have first call.

When Mr. Armitage came to St. James' Church from Toronto a year ago, there preceded him the glowing story of his success in building up the congregation he was leaving and making it a recognized force for good.

Is a Mason.

Apart from his zealous and breadth of vision, the fact that he is thoroughly human is undoubtedly an important factor in establishing for him cordial relations with the people with whom he comes in contact. Early in life, he identified himself with the Masonic order, and in process of time, became grand chaplain, A., F. and A. M., for all of Canada. A graduate of Huron College, and curate in the Cronyn Memorial Church at the time Ven. Archdeacon Richardson was rector, coming to London was like coming back home. Shortly after getting settled in St. James' rectory, he surprised the members of Kilwinning Lodge, A., F. and A. M., by dropping in upon them on lodge night. He surprised the majority of them still more when he announced it was his mother lodge, and that he had been initiated in Kilwinning Lodge as soon as he was old enough.

Orthodox in the sense of holding up the Bible as the revealed will of God for man, loyal in allegiance to the church in which he has been ordained, he is "churchman," without being "churchy," and sufficiently wide in his sympathies and broad in his outlook to stand on the platform of brotherhood of man through the fatherhood of God, the sacrifice of the Son of God for all men, and the Easter hope of resurrection and of life.



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There were, besides a large number of civilian passengers for New York, one of them, G. G. Ward, general manager of the Commercial Cable Company. Major-General Loomis, commanding the third division, and also Brigadier-General Draper and Brigadier-General Clarke. General Loomis wears the C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and looks well after his four years' service. He went overseas early in the war.

The only unit intact on board is the Canadian motor machine-gun brigade. There are with it 375 men, though the normal strength would be about 500. They went overseas with the first contingent under General Brutinel, the name then being the auto machine gun corps. The brigade returned on the Adriatic in command of Colonel W. K. Walker, D.S.O., M.C., of Vancouver, who says that during the war four times the present number of the brigade passed through it. Two months ago the brigade was presented with colors by the people of Canada, and Colonel Walker will hand them over at Ottawa, the headquarters of the brigade. There were cycle units on the steamer and also members of survey corps. The troops left promptly after the arrival of the ship.

The officers from Western Ontario are:

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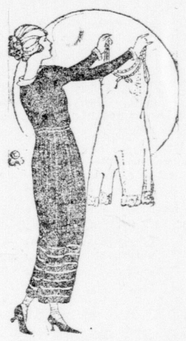

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