

IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

CHURCH NOTES FOR BUSY MEN.

ROMAN CATHOLIC Distinguished Converts

A recent issue of the New Freeman gives the names of sixteen clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States, five candidates for the ministry, and twenty-three other persons, most of them persons of good social position, who have during the past six months, united with the Church of Rome.

An Appeal to Parliament

The Catholic members of the English Parliament, headed by Lord Edmund Talbot, brother of the Duke of Norfolk, will raise the question of the government's interference with the Eucharistic procession in Parliament as soon as it reassembles and urge that the time has arrived for the repeal of laws that place Roman Catholics at a disadvantage as compared with the members of other religious bodies.

Catholic Growth

In his sermon before the Eucharistic Congress, Cardinal Gibbons thus referred to the growth of the church in English speaking lands:

"The steady growth of the English-speaking church during the last three centuries is a fact which cannot be considered phenomenal. At the Council of Trent, held in the sixteenth century, there were present only four Bishops who spoke our tongue; one came from England and three from Ireland. Scotland was not represented. The American continent had but recently been discovered, and Australia was a terra incognita. There are now upwards of 200 bishops ruling dioceses where English is the prevailing language. An English-speaking hierarchy is established in England, Ireland, and Scotland, the United States and Canada, the East Indies, and Australia. And another Ecumenical Council will be held during the present century there is no doubt that every division of our globe would be represented. The English-speaking church professing the ancient faith and paying spiritual allegiance to the sovereign Pontiff of Rome.

May our mission be endowed with the apostolic spirit of Augustine, Winifrid, and Patrick. May they succeed in reaching the Gospel wherever England's satellites heretofore have been as zealous in conquering souls as British statesmen are in acquiring territory. Let us extend the Kingdom of Christ wherever England enlarges her temporal domain; let us erect a house of prayer wherever she sets a foot, and may they determine to plant the cross, the symbol of salvation, side by side with the banner of St. George!

THE ANGLICAN.

The New Hymnal

The book has been in course of preparation for some three years, and is now nearly completed. It is more comprehensive than the old one, and includes a number of hymns of an original character by such writers as Lowell, Keble, and others. It is generally understood that the work of the committee will be endorsed and that the new hymnal, which has been printed, will be accepted.

Methodist Sympathy

At a special session of the Montreal Methodist Ministerial Association, a resolution was adopted in re of the death of Bishop Carmichael, which, after the usual wherewithals, reads: "Bishop Carmichael's catholic spirit and exemplary life as a follower of the Lord Jesus, greatly endeared him to those who had the privilege of his acquaintance.

"His eminent qualities as a Christian counselor and a gifted preacher commended admiration by all who ever knew him. His services to promote the well-being of his fellow-men and the extension of the Kingdom of God were of a character as to make his removal from our midst a real bereavement to all the Churches.

"We extend to the sorrowing relatives our heartfelt sympathy in this sorrowful trial, and beg to assure the clergy and laity of the diocese over which he presided of our fraternal regards."

Choir Devils

In a sharp criticism of choirs in the Anglican Church, a clergyman of that communion says they are devil-accustomed, and that the devil is in the choir. He calls "the dress devil, the flirting devil, and the quarrelling devil." He severely condemns what he designates "the gallop and gabble" method of singing through the church service, as if it were "the marriage thing imaginable." Of course, he is telling of what he has observed in the churches of his own body. Are there others?

A Pathetic Incident

A pathetic incident was the reading of a letter from the Bishop of Montreal, in which he wrote: "I will be present at the synod if nothing unforeseen intervenes in the interim. Although there are one or two hymns I would like to see excluded from the new hymnal, yet I will do all I can to have it adopted."

The whole synod, the laity, and, with a few exceptions, the clergy, were devotedly listening to their late beloved bishop.

THE PRESBYTERIAN

W. J. Bryan, Democratic candidate for the presidency of the United States is an elder in the Presbyterian church and is a believer in the sanctity of the Sabbath. Some of his friends have arranged to have him deliver a political address on that day, but he firmly refused and only met a few of the leaders for a brief chat.

The Presbyterian Witness says: We note with great satisfaction that a widespread movement is going on among Baptists in the direction of open communion, perhaps we should prefer it better by calling it a movement to hold in obedience the insisting on cross communion.

The following General Assembly statistics relating to the Presbyterian Church in Canada will be interesting: The Church has 7 synods, 44 presbyteries and upwards of 2,000 churches and missionaries at work in Canada. There are 146,376 families, 284,999 communicants and about 250,000 teachers and scholars in the Sabbath schools. The Church contributed during the year \$96,302 for missions and for all purposes \$3,515,749. Of these sums \$184,390 was raised by the Sabbath schools and young people, and \$185,095 by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies.

THE METHODISTS

Call for Laborers

The president of the Saskatchewan Conference has issued a stirring appeal to the young men of the Church to respond to his call. His endeavor is to respond to the call of the people for religious services. In his own conference thirty-six men are wanted at once to occupy inviting fields.

A Clean Election

The Christian Guardian of the 23rd contains a letter from Dr. Andrews, of Mount Allison University, in which he deals with the effort made in the county of Westmorland to have a clean election in the local context of last spring. Commenting on this the Guardian says: "If a three weeks' campaign on the part of a few dozen unimpaired citizens secured a clean election in a constituency where there is political corruption, is there any excuse for anything but a clean election in any Canadian constituency? Surely there cannot be."

The Expense Account

Under this heading the Canadian Baptist has the following: "But what about an expense account for the pastor? A church hires a pastor to build up and increase the efficiency of its members, and pays him a salary. A business man, who has a man to build up and increase his business, pays him a salary and gives him an expense account. Part of a pastor's duties is calling on the members of his church. Who pays the car fare? How many ten cent pieces go out of the pastor's pocket that should come out of an expense account? The minister, the horse and buggy that the country preacher has to keep? Who pays the office rent in a business? But the pastor has to rent a larger house to get that extra room for a study. This item belongs in an expense account. The modern business office is provided with paper, pens, pencils, ink, postage stamps, telephone, desks, reference books, bookcases, etc., and these expenses are not charged against the employer of the man, but he becomes the employer of the church, it is different, he pays for them."

Mr. Bryan

MR. BRYAN. The father of the Democratic candidate for the Presidency of the United States. Mr. W. J. Bryan, was a Presbyterian. He sent his son to a Presbyterian school, and he became a Presbyterian. Mr. Bryan has sent his younger daughter to a Baptist school, and he is a Baptist. The Baptist Reflector thinks "it would only be a pious joke if she should be a Baptist."

There are Baptist missions amongst the Poles in Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, Rochester and Chicago. A Polish Baptist church has been organized in Buffalo, and one recently in Pound, Wis.

The Baptists of Seattle, Wash., are planning to erect a twelve-story building for denominational purposes at a cost of half a million dollars.

EXTENDS A CALL TO ILLINOIS PASTOR

At a largely attended meeting of the members and adherents of the Ludlow street Baptist church last evening at the close of the service it was decided unanimously to tender a call to the Rev. W. Robinson of Illinois, formerly of Gibson, N. B. Mr. Robinson, who is a New Brunswicker by birth, is a graduate of the University of Chicago and a fluent speaker. His wife is at present visiting the province, and it is altogether likely that he will accept the call. The Ludlow street church has been without a pastor for five months.

Knicker—Wit is a moral awakening? Bookers—When you can listen to an alarm clock go off without swearing.

For Sale Good Money. A large quantity of new money, including the new issue of the Bank of Montreal, is for sale at a discount. Apply to the undersigned at 125 Water St., St. John, N. B.

WORK OF THE ANGLICAN SYNOD DESCRIBED BY DR. RAYMOND

All Canada Represented at the Recent Gathering in Ottawa—The New Hymnal, Missions in China and to the Indians, Order of Lay Deacons and Unction for the Sick Discussed

Ven. Archdeacon Raymond, who was one of the delegates to the recent Church of England synod at Ottawa, returned to the city on Saturday. Speaking to a Sun reporter he gave an interesting account of the work done by the gathering. The Dominion synod was organized in 1858, and since then has held triennial sessions, this year being the fifth. It is divided into two branches, the upper house, consisting of twenty-two bishops, and the lower house of both clergymen and laymen. There were about two hundred and fifty delegates to the lower branch. The sessions lasted from September 22nd to October 1st. One of the results of the organization of the Dominion synod was shown in the fact that when it started the contributions to western missions were only \$15,000 per annum and are now \$100,000.

There was a long debate over the work among the Indians. The chief subject of the discussion was S. H. Blake's pamphlet in which he contended that the results achieved were not commensurate with the work done. This was denied by those connected with the work. A deputation was appointed to wait on Sir Wilfrid Laurier to endeavor to secure a share of the government grant for educational work among the Indians.

Chas. J. Jenkins introduced a resolution advocating a return to the system of lay deacons who would be empowered to conduct services, preach and baptize although continuing in their secular calling.

The committee on temperance gave an interesting report. In the future their work will be combined with that of a committee on moral reform, and which will have a wider scope. The matter of unktion for the sick was given full discussion. Its introduction in compliance with the lay members of the synod and the matter was left where it was before.

Reports on the state of the church showed that there were 2,822 churches, 22 bishops, 1,420 clergy and 601 lay readers, 2,000 Sunday schools, 12,000 teachers and 120,000 scholars.

G. P. R. MAY GOBBLE THE ORIENT TRADE

Only Road to Obey Spirit of Interstate Commission's Ruling

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NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—The initial step in what may prove to be a sharp difference in freight policies between the Canadian Pacific Railway and all American transcontinental lines carrying freight to the Pacific seaboard for transshipment to the open ports of Japan and China was taken yesterday by the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington. Its preliminary through rates on cotton placed goods between the United States and ports in the Orient.

THE PIPPING OF POPPER.

A young person named Percival Popper. Once proposed to a girl prim and proper. She replied, "It's a game!" Still, it's more comical if faint First to pop to papa, Mr. Popper."

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF HIS PASTORATE

Rev. S. W. Anthony's Special Services

Subjects Interesting In the Evening He Dwells on the Mission of the Church in St. John

Rev. T. W. Anthony observed the first anniversary of his pastorate in the Congregationalist church by two special sermons yesterday. In the morning he preached on the subject, "Why Should We Go To Church?"

In the evening he preached on "The Mission of the Church in a City Like St. John." His text was 1st Cor. 2: 2: "For I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

In a practical sermon the preacher showed that the attitude of the church must be neither that of compromise with the world nor withdrawal from it, but that the church must express itself in devoted service and self-sacrifice.

This the preacher pointed out did not mean that Paul meant to preach nothing but the doctrine of atonement, but that in Corinth he intended to emphasize this doctrine.

Corinth was a great metropolis of the east, with all the vices of a great city. It had temples, but the religion of the people was not uplifting.

Paul saw that the remedy for the commercial spirit of the city with its accompanying faults was Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

The church may adopt these methods towards the life of the city. It may compromise. It may imitate the thoughts and move men's emotions, but let them leave the church careless of their moral lesson.

Another method might be that of trying to shut out all outside interests. Paul did not believe in this. "All things are ours," he said. We cannot evade himself above the slough of evil until the height of the good. Out of his own nature he shall come the remedy for one other of our faults, neither father nor mother stands between the child and his God as a mediator.

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The third method is for the church to remember that Christ lived and died, and to embody in its attitude toward the world this attitude toward men.

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RABBI'S SERMON ON THE ATONEMENT

Delivered in the Synagogue Last Evening.

He Preaches Repentance, Prayer and Charity as the Requirements of the Soul.

Rabbi's sermon No. 12 E tsq-ysqst Last night, which was the eve of the Jewish Day of Atonement, Rabbi Bernard L. Amdur preached the following eloquent sermon in the Hazen Avenue synagogue:

"Attitude of man within him, about him, and above him. These awe-inspiring days are days of abstraction. It is a line that separates two worlds of time, as little real as the distant world, which looks to be the meeting-place of earth and sky. All our feelings are witness to some historical occurrences, as our approaching feast, the Feast of Booth, a commemoration of thankfulness, the Feast of Passover, a great national feast calling to our minds wondrous events, of the Feast of Pentecost, the day when the Law was revealed to Israel. Our memory also leads us to cherish regard for our great heroes in Israel, as the Feast of the Maccabees, who exchanged life for the truth and the cause of Israel."

We review and applaud, we admire and commemorate. The Day of Atonement has no victory to recount, no triumph to recall. It is a day for the higher aspects, for us and for our God. It is a day for the individual; it is a day for the present. We have the making of it in our hands, we are to determine what it shall be. We come to God unconditionally with a broken and contrite heart, not to parley or to treat with him, but relying on his never-failing mercy, to leave our past in his hands and to entrust our future to his care. "The sacrifices of God are a broken heart." Man is never so beautiful as when he begs pardon, and his heart is penitent and contrite. Let him take as the text for his remarks tonight one of the most impressive portions of worship of our Day of Atonement. It is the closing sentence of "Repentance, prayer and charity avert the evil decrees." These three are then the efficacious agents whereby man can elevate himself above the slough of evil until the height of the good. Out of his own nature he shall come the remedy for one other of our faults, neither father nor mother stands between the child and his God as a mediator.

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