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NOT ALL AGREED

In referring to Church Union between the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches in our last issue, we expressed the view that there would doubtless be many dyed-in-the-wool sticklers for their own particular dogmas who would refuse to assent to Union. It now transpires that long before those words were written, an anti-unionist party had already taken shape in the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, which had given rise to a certain amount of uneasiness among the unionists. The leader of the dissent movement appears to be the Rev. Dr. Scott of Montreal, who called a meeting of those agreeing with him to consider the situation. Whether he issued a "rescript," as it would be termed by the best newspaper writers "in every country where the English language is known"—saying and excepting Great Britain itself—or whether he just issued a plain, simple statement of his objections to Union, does not appear; but he got his fellow thinkers together anyway and they will, it is understood, proceed to organize in opposition to Union.

In view of the scarcity of ministers, and of the duplication of work which the existence of two or three different denominations entails in the smaller communities, it is to be regretted that opposition to Union should arise. In any case where there are fundamental differences in belief, it may be difficult to work out some common ground on which all can stand; but in the case of the three churches concerned in the proposed Union there are not any differences of such a nature as to prevent any insuperable obstacles to Union. There will naturally be some rather nice problems to settle, the setting up of fresh organizations, the inception of new authorities, the relation of every piece of property to the new organic unit, and so on, which may prove to be matters of some perplexity. But far and away above all these material details will be the increased religious advantages to be derived from the organic union of the three churches mentioned. Every kind of lawlessness is rampant in the world today. The most sacred sanctions of life have been thrown in the discard. The war, appalling in its realism, made, to the general apprehension, the theological differences of competitive denominations unthinkably trivial. To meet the thought of the masses of the people, largely wrested from religious anchorage, it is necessary to present a united front, which will mean something alive and real and vital to the man on the street.

BOLSHEVISM, AS RUSSIA HAS IT

A lurid light is thrown upon Bolshevism, and the situation it has created in Russia, by Mr. E. A. MacMillan, who was of the British railway mission sent to aid Admiral Kolchak in his ill-fated attempt to overthrow the Bolshevik forces and who spent three months in jail and seven months in "open arrest" in Siberia. Mr. MacMillan describes Bolshevism as "beastly in theory and vile in operation." He says the Russian people want it and now know to their sorrow that they have it. Lenin and Trotsky honestly believe in the Bolshevik doctrine, he says, and think the troubles of the world are due to capitalism; but they are confronted with a realization that the farmers are the real capitalists of Russia and that while the industrial structure of the nation has been destroyed, the farmers will raise only what they need. Bolshevism rule has made it illegal to own property, illegal to buy or sell, illegal to do many things that are normal and necessary. Its continuance in Russia and at the same time a difficulty in overcoming it is due to the ignorance of the vast majority of the people, and to lack of communication, the people in one community not knowing what is going on in another. More than 90 per cent. of the people cannot read or write, and transportation is a gruesome wreck. Modern democracy for the Russian people is not the answer. They're not ready for it.

THE STATISTICAL FIEND

Nobody has yet arrived to advance the idea of the total prohibition of statistics. They are useful enough in their way, but taken to excess, they are the darling vice of the higher order of intelligence. A woman has discovered that women as such are the great, almost the exclusive buyers of the world. According to this authority women buy 66 per cent. of drugs, 96 per cent. of the dry goods, 87 per cent. of foods, 40 per cent. of hardware, and 41 per cent. of automobiles.

About the only commodities in

regard to which men as such make any showing at all are, 36 per cent. of newspapers, 28 per cent. of dogs, 34 per cent. of phonographs and 60 per cent. of boxed candy, which is usually not for their own consumption.

Whether then goes the greater portion of the very large incomes of which men possess control? To answer this question, this statistical lady need not spend laborious hours over census tabulations and trade returns. The Winnipeg Tribune somewhat unkindly suggests that she can find the correct answer at once by consulting a looking glass, and can use such ingenuity as she possesses in afterward reducing to a uniform percentage the variability of the factors displayed.

TALAAT'S ASSASSIN ACQUITTED

When Salomon Teitlerman, the Armenian student, killed the former Turkish Grand Vizier, Talaat Pasha, at Charlottenburg, a Berlin suburb, it was the general belief, founded largely upon the early German comments, that the young assassin's appeals for sympathy upon the ground of Talaat's persecution of his race would avail him little. The former Grand Vizier was one of the Constantinople clique which had cooperated before and during the world war with the Berlin Government, and apparently, as far as most Germans knew or cared, Talaat had acted in strict accord with his official duties in his dealings with the Armenians. The acquittal of Teitlerman after an hour's deliberation by the jury and the reception of its verdict "with shouts of approval" comes thus somewhat as a surprise.

The testimony of the defendant that he had been moved to kill Talaat by his mother, a victim of one of the Armenian massacres, appearing to him in a dream, and that he himself had undergone great sufferings from Turkish persecution, no doubt had its bearing in winning the favorable verdict. The incident of the trial, however, which gave it its greatest significance was the testimony of Professor Johannes Lepsius. He revealed to the Germans facts regarding the treatment of the Armenians of which they seem to have had little knowledge. He went to Constantinople to make an investigation, and armed with the information he received from the United States Ambassador, he returned to Germany and wrote his report. The post office under the control of the military party refused to accept this report, which was not materially different from that circulated through the allied nations. The German military party did everything possible to keep from the people knowledge of the horrors of the Armenian massacres and deportations. The German newspapers were forbidden to publish any reference to Professor Lepsius's report, and he himself was deported from the German Orient mission. While he gave the Germans credit for saving 250,000 Armenians in the towns, he declared that the non-interference of the German Ambassador at Constantinople cost 1,000,000 Armenian men, women and children their lives.

He fixed the blame entirely upon the German military party. General von Sanders, who was the representative of this party in Constantinople during the war, and who was the chief link between it and Enver and Talaat, was called to the stand. His attempt to defend his course consisted principally in denying that Germans had any part in the deportation of the Armenians or that the German troops in Turkey could have prevented the massacres.

The trial brought out as clearly as any recent event has the hold of the German military party upon the nation. It explains too in a great measure the past callousness of the German people to the Armenian situation. That they felt themselves the victims of a great deception undoubtedly accounts for the ready acquittal of Teitlerman. But the saving of one Armenian life seems poor amends for the hundreds of thousands which were ruthlessly sacrificed to militarism.

Referring to the return of Messrs. Stewart and Dittie, the Telegraph says: "It is as well to recall that at the opening of the Session, when 'the Chief Justice was asked to swear them in, he refused to do so, as 'matters then stood.' What the Chief Justice said was that if a return was presented to him showing that Messrs. Stewart and Dittie had been elected, he would have to swear them in. This return could not be presented because Mr. Foster had, without any shadow of warrant or justification, and entirely on his own responsibility, sent it back to the Sheriff, a course of action upon which the Court of Appeal

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Like The Things You Have.
 He is a wise man who does not
 strive to do things he has not,
 but rejoices for those which he has—
 Epictetus.

His Narrow Escape.
 It was lucky for that German submarine commander that he was acquitted of the charge of sinking a hospital ship. He might have been sent to jail for ten days otherwise.—Van Over World.

Foolish.
 "No doubt Mr. Meighen will make some good speeches at the Imperial conference, but he will carry no credit from this country." It is difficult to conceive of a responsible Canadian newspaper making a statement so foolish. But it appears in the Toronto Globe.—Calgary Herald.

Our Good Fortune.
 How intense is the race feeling in the United States between white and black, how easy it is for it to break into flame, is illustrated by the battle in that Oklahoma city in which a hundred lives were lost. The people of Canada have reason to congratulate themselves that they are free from such experience.—Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

Protestant Church Union.
 The time is certainly ripe for union, and all forward-looking Canadians are anxious for the step. Spiritually, practically and economically, there can be no question as to the immense gain which would result from such a co-ordination of religious effort and the pooling of the resources at the back of that effort. The times urgently demand readaptations, in order to remedy the dissipation of energies and waste of effort which are resulting in an apathy on the part of the public which is likely to increase rather than diminish unless effective steps are taken to counteract it.—Hamilton Spectator.

Oleomargarine.
 The Farmers' Sun is protesting with vigor against the bill of the Government extending for another year permission to manufacture oleomargarine in Canada. The Sun makes its usual attack on the "unrepresentative Parliament." It might that every member of the Farmers' party in the Federal House, from Hon. T. A. Cramer down, voted for the Government. Instead of attacking the Government, the Sun might well turn its batteries upon its own leader and his followers, including the recently-elected member for West Elgin. Oleomargarine is regarded as a fit and proper food product in every country in the world except Canada. Even Denmark, the greatest European dairy nation, allows the use of oleomargarine. At the present time, with butter at a low figure, there is little likelihood of anyone using oleomargarine as a substitute for butter, but oleomargarine provided a boon to thousands when prices were soaring and may again.—London Free Press.

A BIT OF VERSE

PRAIRIE FLOWERS.

(A. H. Sutherland, in the Canadian Bookman.)

The land with all the rose is red;
 The starry aster rears her head,
 And daisies in the morning dew,
 Their dainty lashes lift anew.

Under the shadow of the wood,
 Where childhood brood,
 The clusters of the deep peavine
 Blend with the drooping columbine.

The dainty blue-bells twist, and tease,
 And bow and bend to every breeze,
 While hidden violets from the grass
 Peep shyly at me as I pass.

I had not found one folded bloom,
 When, lo, a delicate perfume
 Told where within the marshy dell
 The tardy gentian wove her spell.

As some sweet fragrance in a dream
 Comes faintly back at morning's beam,
 So in my pulses seem to stir
 The rapture of the lavender.

The sunflower bending to her God,
 The poppy the goldenrod,
 On Autumn days, when suns are cold,
 Have burnished all the land with gold.

As some great starry sea at eve
 The twilight prairies I perceive,
 Unfold my tent where beauty reigns
 In God's great garden of the plains.

THE LAUGH LINE

O Wad indeed!
 O wad some power the gillie gie 'em
 To see their legs as theirs see 'em!
 It wad frae monie a short skirt free
 An' foolish notion.

That toothpicks and piano legs
 Inspire devotion.
 "I see there's an article going the rounds about a newspaper man buying a house costing \$8,000. Quite an article for an \$8,000 house. 'No, quite a stunt for a newspaper man.'—Judge.

The Difference.
 Frederick was sitting on the curb, crying, when Billy came along and asked him what was the matter. "Oh, I feel so bad 'cause Major's

unadvertised somewhat strongly last week.

What is the meaning of this cryptic remark in The Telegraph:—"In due course Restigouche will have a 'chance to choose again.' Is our contemporary darkly hinting that in the near future? Otherwise it will be four years before the 'chance to choose again' will come. We can quite readily understand that the present condition of affairs in the Legislature is so unsatisfactory to the Premier, that he may be quite willing to run the risk of either mending or ending it.

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

CAKE.

O a cake is a lovely object
 Standing there ready for slicing,
 Especially if its hidden modesty
 Under a thick coat of icing.

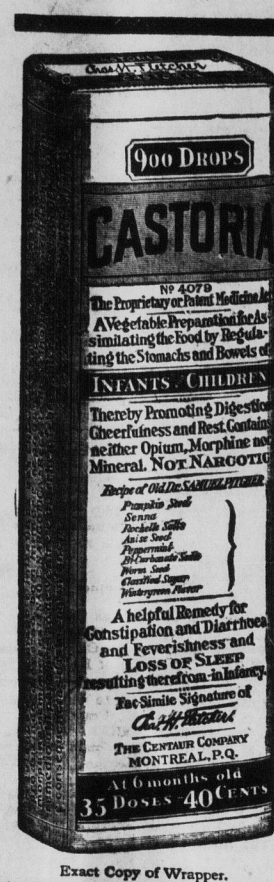
When you're tempted to stick your finger
 In the icing to sample the flavor,
 O weather its lite icing or weather its dark,
 That the time to think twice and waver.

Because weather the icing is white as snow
 Or weather its black as coal
 Even your little finger
 Leaves a round and guilty hole.

Cake varies according who makes it,
 Depending how they mix it and beat it,
 But no matter who makes it, as long as its cake,
 Its always possible to eat it.

Wat is bewtfuler than a chockit sponge cake
 Setting on its cake dish high from the ground?
 Answer: a strawberry short cake
 With whipped cream splashed around.

What is bewtfuler than a cruller
 With a hole like a capital O?
 Answer: a big swelled up doughnut
 With the hole filled up with dough.



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dead—my nice old collie!" sobbed Frederick.
 "Shucks!" said Billy. "My grandmother's been dead a week, and you don't hear me crying."
 Frederick gave his eyes and nose a swipe with his hand, and looking up at Billy, sobbed despairingly.
 "Yes, but you didn't raise your grandmother from a pup."

Force of Habit.
 "Mrs. Blank is a great bargain hunter, isn't she?"
 "Yes, she even picked out a husband whose reputation was slightly damaged."

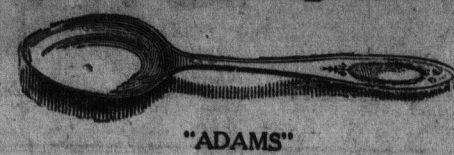
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Two Des Moines Girls Attacked In Two Days

Second Victim Was Lured Bound and Gagged in Vacant Lot.

Des Moines, Ia., June 12.—Police today hauled a moron who brutalized a young girl here—the second victim of the sort within forty-eight hours.

Closely following the discovery of the brutal assault and murder of Sara Barbara Thorndale, a young school teacher, the second victim, 15-year-old girl, was found bound, gagged and unconscious in a vacant lot.

After regaining consciousness at a hospital she said a man in an automobile who told her he was a minister, tried to pick her up on her way to a camp-meeting. When she refused, he hit her over the head with some heavy instrument. She remembered nothing more. She may have been in the vacant lot all night, she said.

Sheriff W. E. Robb today said he had obtained evidence which thought would justify holding T. Lemis, the Negro who has been in custody since Saturday, for the year-old school teacher's murder.

Dentist And Girl In Burglar Gang

Paris, June 12.—The police made an important arrest when Georges Bell, a dentist with an office on the fashionable Champs Elysees, and his year-old companion, Gaby Millet, were caught last night, together with seven members of two burglar gangs which the police say are responsible for a score of jewelry robberies in Paris and its suburbs during the last two months.

Although working separately, the two gangs, which are known as the "Jacket Gang" and the "Blouse Gang," originated the sale of their loot through Gaby Millet, who in turn shares profits with the dentist. Most of the gangsters are army deserters.

The police obtained their first last week when a former woman member of the "Jacket Gang" confessed just before she committed suicide in prison cell at St. Lazare.

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