

IN THE P. A. GIOUS WORLD

THE DOUBTER

2 Tim. 3: 7
"Ever Learning and Never Able to Come to the Truth"

Rev. D. J. Burrell D. D.

The people here referred to lived in Ephesus nineteen hundred years ago. They are characterized by Paul as "men of corrupt minds." Yet they were learners; and this certainly was to their credit, since "wisdom is the principal thing." It was also to their praise that they were "ever learning;" for there is indeed no end to the possibilities of this quest. A tree, after growing for a while, reaches its maturity and grows no more; but not so with a man. His windows are always open toward the rising sun.

The fault of these Ephesians was that, while ever learning, they were never able to come to the truth. They were like the horse in a treadmill that goes round and round and never arrives. They were perpetual pupils, always saying "I inquire" and never "I believe." They were always seeking and never finding; always learning and never knowing. "Take heed of such," says the apostle, "for they are reprobate concerning the faith."

We need not go to Ephesus to find such people; they are nearer by. We are living in an Age of Facts. The world never knew so much as it does now. The man with the hammer has been chipping at the rocks for centuries; and the result is Geology, which is a bundle of facts. The man with the microscope has been scrutinizing vital actions and the result is Biology, which is also a bundle of facts. The man with the telescope has been watching the stars; and the result is Astronomy or astrology, which is a vast array of facts expressed in mathematical terms. The man with the microscope has been scrutinizing vital actions and the result is Biology, which is also a bundle of facts. The man with the telescope has been watching the stars; and the result is Astronomy or astrology, which is a vast array of facts expressed in mathematical terms.

And yet we are said to be living in "an Age of Doubt." For the facts referred to are within the province of nature, and as such can be apprehended and verified by the physical senses; but the great world of truth which lies beyond the horizon of physical senses is still an open field of inquiry. And here is where doubt prevails. It is easy to believe the things that we can handle with our hands and see with our eyes; but far less so to accept those which are attested only by faith, that is, "the testimony of spiritual senses."

The result is Agnosticism, which is a broad synonym for infidelity. The man who confines his investigations to the narrow province of physical things is sure to find sooner or later, as Charles Darwin did, that his power to apprehend spiritual truth has become clouded by disease. Doubt is simply the stalled doubt. The man who keeps on saying "I do not know," is morally certain to reach a point where he insists that he knows nothing. He is in the world of the Unseen and Eternal is an unknown land to him. This is the intellectual state against which Cooper makes his own apostrophe to Common Sense:

Defend me, therefore, Common Sense, say I.
From reveries so airy; from the toll
Of dropping buckets into empty wells,
And growing old in drawing nothing up.

...at the cross roads said to
... "Behold how wise
... I point travelers to the city;
... which the willow replied, "No
... doubt you know more about the way
... than I, who know nothing about it."
... we have good together I have observed
... that, though you point travelers to the
... city, you have yourself gone no nearer
... than I, who know nothing about it."

THE ANGLICAN.

A Great Gathering
The Church of England is at present preparing, says the Presbyterian Witness, to make a very admirable manifestation in London, in the centre of the Empire, of her high service in the cause of Christianity. We cannot give up the hope, the conviction, that she will get rid of the medievalism that has so long hung over her and drag god's feet away from the great heart of the British people.

Three Kinds of Clergy

Bishop Potter, at an ecclesiastical dinner in New York, said a Copper-toned schoolboy's sermon, Clergyman, the essay, which created much amusement, was as follows:
"There are three kinds of Clergyman, bishops, rectors, and curates, the bishops are the rectors to work and the curate has to do it. A thin man, when he gets fuller and can preach longer sermons and becomes a good man."

Making Vice Easy

The Archbishop of Canterbury in a letter to the Bishop of London, which was read at a meeting of the Council for the Promotion of Public Morality, says:—We are absolutely committed to the doctrine that there is no difference between men and women in the status of sins of uncleanness, and that on the man, in his God-given manhood, rests the main responsibility. I pray that you may be helped to make plain the contemptible cowardice of what has been said in your sermon, and to face and eye to eye.

CHURCH NOTES

FOR BUSY MEN.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

Temperance in Ireland

A remarkable wave of temperance is said to be passing over Ireland in connection with the Roman Catholic Church. Nearly all the bishops referred to the subject in their Lenten pastoral letters, and several of them even directed the clergy under their jurisdiction to refuse to attend funerals at which drink was given. The priest who has for years advocated an "Anti-Treating League." The system of public treating is especially pernicious to the Irishman whose abstinence and temperance embraces every opportunity to eat and be treated. The preaching trials are said to have brought about temperance reforms in many districts; but they assert that the government will not prove lasting until the government lessen the facilities for drinking that exist at present.

Temperance in Quebec

"We do not know," says the Presbyterian Witness, "of any man in Canada who of late has rendered more signal services to the great cause of Temperance than Archbishop O'Connor, Montreal and Quebec and other towns and cities have been in need of able leadership and this they have been favored with. The movement is spreading. It did not come a day too soon and it has not yet extended as widely as is desirable. But happily rural Quebec is far in advance of the cities. This is greatly to their credit. We ensure for Quebec a fair share of prosperity and exemption from crime. We are glad that Protestants co-operate in this movement and thus strengthen the movement."

Once a Protestant

Rev. Albert Knapp, distinguished member of the Dominican Order, who has been nominated to the Archbishopric of Trinidad, in succession to the late Archbishop Flood, O. P., is an Englishman and was formerly a member of the Church of England, for the ministry of which he at first thought to study. Later he decided to enter the medical profession and went to France where he studied for some time. He is reported to have been impressed by the devotion and charity of the sisters, and this led him to investigate the claims of the Catholic church. The result was his conversion, and he then, declining to become a priest, joined the Dominican Order.—Catholic Union and Times.

A Royal Irishman

Sir Nicholas O'Connor, British Ambassador at Constantinople, who died the other day, was a descendant of the last native King of Ireland, Roderic O'Connor, who concluded a treaty with Henry II. Sir Nicholas shared his distinction with The O'Connor Don, both tracing their descent from Hugh O'Connor, of Ballinacorney, who is regarded as the undoubted representative of the old Irish monarchs. Sir Nicholas was educated at Stonyhurst, and had a most distinguished career in the diplomatic service.

A Large Revenue

It is estimated that the Sanctuary at Lourdes brings to the diocese of Tarbes at least \$1,000,000 annually. Every summer there is a constant flow of pilgrims to the place, and as the present year is the fiftieth anniversary

of the apparition of Lourdes it is expected that the usual numbers will be maintained. In any event, local arrangements have been made according to the statement of Mgr. Shoefel, to accommodate an enormous number of pilgrims at Lourdes within the coming summer months.—Columbian.

Protestantism in Paris

There are in Paris 45 French Protestant churches of different denominations and in the outskirts there are 47 more. The total of 92 churches where French Protestants worship. In three of these English services are also held, and in four of them German services. There is also one Swedish church. The British and American churches number six in all as two of the Wesleyan churches are used for both languages. "There are in Paris and the immediate environs some fifty or sixty thousand Protestants."

The Tract Society

The Religious Tract Society, London, is raising a fund of \$50,000 to be spent during the next ten years in a definite effort to influence the young of China by means of religious literature.

In the Philippines

There are about 1725 islands in the Philippine archipelago, with an area of about 112,000 square miles. The population of the islands is about eight millions, nearly all of them Catholics, though three millions are independent Catholics. There are 270,000 Mohammedans, 15,000 Buddhists and Confucianists, 200,000 Animists. A complicated task for the missionaries! There are about 30,000 Protestants. More than a hundred churches have been built. Religious literature is being printed and circulated in great abundance. Seminars have been set up for the training of preachers of the Gospel, 50,000 speak English. American teachers are teaching in the schools, and the attendance at school is hopeful.

Clippings

According to the latest available statistics, China has 2,785 Protestant and 914 Roman Catholic missionaries now laboring through its length and breadth, in every province and dependency. In 1891 the Moravians opened a mission in German East Africa at the northern end of Lake Nyasa. It was more than five years before one convert was baptized. After seven years' work there were four Moravian stations and 1,193 converts. During the past twelve months, the Lutheran Church in the United States has gained 72,385 members, the complete number being now 2,000,000. Benevolent contributions were \$2,200,471, a little over one dollar per member. This sum is an increase over last year's of \$275,200.

SATURDAY SERMONETTE

THE SCOTT ACT.

"That Scott Act they have up in Frederickton," said Mr. Finnigan, as he looked up from his paper, "must be a mighty fine act for the whiskey trade, but the temperance people are tryin' to get it repealed."
"Yure all rong, Finnigan," said Mr. Finnigan, "it's a mighty fine act, as bring the teeth through painlessly. Mrs. S. Williams, St. Joseph, Ont., says: 'My first baby suffered terribly when cutting her teeth and the doctor could do nothing for her. I got a box of Baby's Own Tablets and they did her so much good that I cannot say enough in their favor. You may be sure they always keep the Tablets in the house now.' Sold by all medicine dealers or by mail at 25c per box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont."

White Star Line

WILL START CANADIAN SERVICE IN 1909

LONDON, May 2.—The White Star Steamship Company has made an announcement of its intention to start a Canadian service in the spring of 1909, with the new steamer Albert and Albany, renamed Laurentic and Magnetic, and the Boston liners Canada and Dominion.

Buenos Ayres

Buenos Ayres, May 2.—The Swedish bark Swanbird, from Pensacola, January 11th, for Buenos Ayres and previously reported ashore on English Bank is a total loss. Two of the crew were drowned. The captain and the remainder of the crew have been landed at Maldonado, Uruguay.

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YOUNG DUKE AND HIS WIDOW



Duchess de Chaulnes

ENTERS ON FOURTH YEAR OF PASTORATE

Rev. David Hutchinson of the Main Street Baptist church began the fourth year of his present pastorate yesterday. In his sermon last evening Rev. Hutchinson made reference to this fact, speaking of the last three years as happy and successful. Giving a short account of his pastorate of three years, the preacher said that during that time seventy-three persons had been baptized into membership in the church, fifty-four had been received by letter and a number by Christian experience, in all about one hundred and fifty persons. The preacher then invited the members of the congregation to unite with him in making the coming year more successful than those of the past. If it were possible, he also made reference to the fact that peace and harmony had always existed between his people and himself, no discord of strife ever having arisen. Last evening Rev. Mr. Hutchinson began a series of special sermons. The subject of the first sermon of the series was the God of Love. Next Sunday evening the subject will be the God of Peace, and the God of Comfort.

IMPORTANT FOR MEN

If you suffer from any secret weakness you can be easily and quickly cured, if you will write in confidence to DR. G. H. BOBERTZ, 564 WOODWARD AVE., DETROIT, MICH. You will receive by return of mail, in plain, sealed envelope, important information that will with certainty lead to a positive cure.

EMPRESS OF BRITAIN SAILS FOR CANADA WITH 1530 PEOPLE

LIVERPOOL, May 2.—The C. P. R. Steamship Empress of Britain sailed last night with the largest number of passengers that ever left the British Isles on one vessel. There are 153 first cabin, 444 second cabin and 954 third class passengers, a total of 1,530. The immigrants are of a superior class and include a few sent out under the auspices of the Salvation Army. Amongst the first class passengers are a number booked for the overseas mail train. The Empress is also taking over 1,523 sacks of mail matter and 399 parcel post. This is the second C. P. R. sailing this season for the St. Lawrence route.

SIX PERSONS DEAD IN N.Y. FIRE WHICH CAUSED \$10,000 LOSS

NEW YORK, May 2.—An early morning fire in a six story brick tenement at number 17 Humboldt street, a thickly populated section of Brooklyn, caused the death of six persons. Every member of the family, including the mother and four children, including the dead, there were more thrilling rescues by police and firemen, and it was reported that the bodies of the guardians of the public that the death list was not larger. A half dozen or more persons who were trapped in the upper stories were saved by jumping into life nets. The financial loss is estimated at \$10,000.

DEATH OF AN AGED INDIAN RELIEVES GOVT. OFFICIALS.

TORONTO, May 3.—Old Pla Pot, a noted Indian of the province of Saskatchewan, Sask. He clung tenaciously to the old customs of his race, held sun dances regularly in his district and had utter contempt for schools and missionaries. He was a man of great influence with the redmen, and the government officials will have their burdens lightened by his departure.

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QUEBEC DISAVERTS SIM

An Object Scientific

Explains How Called for the Compliment

OTTAWA, Ont., May 2.—Your correspondence to some of our royal commission was the collapse of the C. F. Parent, president of the Quebec Commission. He was informed on good faith of the utmost confidence of the plans of the commission and was told that the knowledge of the commission was to be kept secret through the unfortunate collapse of the enterprise. The collapse of the enterprise of the commission was a great loss of life and a property loss.

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