ATTACKS BY LAYMEN ANSWERED BY BISHOP THOMAS B. NEELEY

Defects in Church Polity Alleged and Will Be Considered in Conferences—Churches Are to Hold Special Union Labor Services—New Venture by the Catholic Laymen.

Bishop Thomas B. Neeley, of New Orleans, who for years has given study to Methodist church polity, has come to the defence of that polity in reply to attacks now making by Methodist laymen. Some laymen's associations, in the conference held last spring, proposed radical changes in Methodism. These propositions have been sent to other associations, and throughout Methodism North this fall it is expected these changes will be heard and recommended. The fall conferences begin about August 15, and the laymen's associations meet at the same times and places.

Methodist laymen charge failure to Methodism in certain places, notably in the large cities, owing to defects in polity. The propositions put forth contemplate laymen sitting as members of the annual conferences as they now do in the quadrennial general conferences; laymen as members of the cabinets of bishops which make appointments of ministers; the districting of bishops, making each supreme in a diocese after the Episcopal or Catholic plans; and the multiplication of the number of bishops so that each may be familiar with his own field and stay sufficiently long in it to be able to lead Methodism in that field constantly and intelligently. Under the present Methodist plan bishops, now only 12 in number, hold annual conferences in many parts of the country, and perhaps do not return within the year to ascertain the suitability of their appointments of ministers, or the wisdom of other decisions made in unfamiliar fields and under hurried conditions.

In his defence of the present Methodist polity bishop Neeley begins with the Rev. John Wesley, of London, in the first half of the eighteenth century, and follows the early Methodist organization as it came to America and grew into the Methodist church. He points out to Methodist laymen that the Methodist system has three determining parts: connectional, supervisional and constitutional.

"The local church," argues the bishop, "is part of a great system and all the churches are bound together by a common government. In this government there is a system of graded oversight and authority, and all the parts of the church act under a written constitution which guarantees the rights of each and every individual.

"At the summit of the supervisional system is the episcopate, which is not a local or diocesan episcopate restricted to a particular section, but one of a general character, so that a bishop might be assigned service in any part of the churches. This is an itinerant episcopacy, but the system provides for permanent and thorough local supervision through a class of officers who used to be called presiding elders, but now are known as district superintendents. This is the local episcopate ssuperintending limited districts, while the bishops ssupervise the district officers, thus ensuring a very complete supervision both local and general.

"To this supervisional system the overwhelming mass of laymen and ministers are thoroughly loyal and the system has vindicated itself throughout many generations. Indeed, the church has been most prosperous when and where it has been most completely and consistently worked out and the greatest failures have been where the graded system of supervision has been allowed to fall into disuse in whole or in part.

"With a vigorous episcopacy and district superintendency, this system," concludes bishop Neeley, "is as near perfect as human institutions can be perfect. Certain needs now pleaded are the results of the non-working of the system."

Methodist laymen declare that if Methodism keeps in the lead in numbers in Protestant bodies it must readjust its machinery. More than 25,000 churches and 3,200,000 members are vitally interested in actions taken. There are about 60 laymen's associations, with 240,000 members, made up of the working laymen who hold most of the official positions in Methodist congregations of the north.

METHODISTS PLAN NEW WORLD WIDE CAMPAIGN

Committees have just concluded program and other details of the Methodist Ecumenical conference, which is to meet in Toronto next October. Unlike the recent Baptist alliance, world Methodists will bring together a representative body, designed to fix policies for Methodism in every country, and then return to their homes and officially to carry such policies into effect.

The program will afford surveys of world Methodism during the past 10 years, or since the last Ecumenical conference, and will then present Methodism in the church universal, its foreign missionary work, its theological heritage, permanent results of Bible criticism, and methods in Bible study. Live questions will be presented in the relations of the church to modern thought, to the household, the child, young people, men and women. The temperance question, training for the ministry, Methodist literature, Christian unity and peace, will conclude the program.

The two Sundays covered, October 8 and 15, will for the first time be included in the program. Preachers will be provided for Toronto churches, the religious aspects of commerce and industry, and observance of Sunday being two of the themes. Former vice president Fairbanks, of Indiana, and Arthur Henderson, M. P., a labor leader and Methodist layman of England, will speak on labor questions, and the Hon. Walter Runciman, a member of the British cabinet, will talk on "International Relations," bringing out, it is expected, the part and place of the churches in the ending of war.

Ecumenical conferences have the plan of electing four secretaries, the head one to be named by the Methodists of the country in which the ecumenical session is held. Canada has waived its rights and Dr. Henry K. Carroll, the well known American Methodist layman, prominent in United States census and Methodist missionary work, has been chosen for secretary of the Toronto meeting. It is reckoned that 3000 to 4000 Methodists will attend, including local conference members, but these will represent almost every country and Methodists to the number of many millions.

NEW VENTURE OF CATHOLIC LAYMEN LED BY FATHER SHEALY.

Catholic laymen of New York, led by the Rev. Terence J. Shealy, S. J., of Fordham university, as spiritual director, are entering upon a work wholly new in the Catholic church in this country, and so far as known, in any other country. It is a school for the enlisting and training of Catholic laymen as public speakers and teachers.

At first normal work will only be attempted, the plan being to create a corps of experts who shall, in turn, train other Catholic laymen by the holding of classes in their home parishes. The studies will be social service and Catholic apologetics, and the instruction, both normal and primary, will be placed as far as possible on a college basis, with examinations and practice work. The students are to be volunteers only, and preference will be given to college graduates.

The practical or material part of the school will be the lecture on social services. These will be begun in October next, and will be given in the rooms of the Fordham university school of law. These rooms are in Nassau street, in lower Manhattan, so that classes will be conducted at the noon hour on week days as well as two week nights. The courses of study are now in operation. Instructors will be members of the faculty of Fordham college. Laymen will be taught voice culture, the preparation of addresses, pedagogy, and will be given practice work in the instruction of other laymen in classes held in parishes of New York City and vicinity.

While the Jesuit priest named is the prime mover in the enterprise, he is heartily supported in his plans by a large number of Catholic laymen of influence. These laymen are brokers, lawyers and other business and professional men, whose aim is to develop the resources of the laity and turn it to personal and practical use in the Catholic church. The two lines of instruction, apart from the spiritual strengthening by the retreats, are the labor and similar questions, and the doctrines and history of the Catholic church. The name of the new organization to have charge of the school and its work is the Laymen's League for Retreats and Social Studies.

SERVICES IN INTEREST OF UNION LABOR REQUESTED

Over 125,000 Protestant ministers are being requested by the social service commission of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ to preach on some phase of the labor question on Labor Sunday, September 3.

The Rev. Chas. S. Macfarland, secretary of the commission, has sent out a call to the secretaries of the ministerial associations in the cities, recommending that wherever possible a union service be held in one of the churches on Sunday night, to which organized labor and all other workingmen and women be invited; and that the various ministers preach sermons appropriate to the occasion in their own churches on the morning of September 3.

At a recent convention of the American Federation of Labor, a resolution was unanimously adopted designating the "Sunday preceding the first Monday in September as Labor Sunday and that the churches of America be requested to devote some part of this day to the discussion of some phase of the labor question." The various central and local labor bodies were also requested, in this resolution, "to cooperate in every legitimate way with the ministers who thus observe Labor Sunday, seeking, with them, to secure as large an audience of workingmen and others as possible."

The social service commission has prepared for the ministers a leaflet of "Suggestions for Labor Sunday," and also an elaborate program for the services.

WORLD CATHOLIC FEDERATION IS BEING PLANNED IN LONDON

A world federation of Catholic societies is proposed. The American federation has, through its secretary, made formal suggestion to the Westminster federation council of London, and that body has acted favorably. Together they have agreed to invite the societies of the continent of Europe, and of Catholic mission fields of the world.

Aims set forth by the American federation are an international bond of union, the support of world movements like the truth and defence societies, and the holding, once every five or 10 years, of international Catholic congresses for the personal acquaintance of Catholic leaders and the furthering of Catholic church interests. The Westminster federation has voted to submit the matter to the archbishop of Westminster for his approval.

The world federation proposed is between the unofficial organizations of Catholic laymen. These organizations are partly fraternal, partly insurance and all of them loyal to the church. They include the Hibernians, the Knights of Columbus, and many others, enroling in their membership thousands of Catholic men.

SENTENCE SERMONS IN PULPITS OF EL PASO

Without the church a man unconsciously adopts lower ideals, and is content to be as good as those about him. The church shows us the measure of the fullness of Christ and spurs us on to higher things.—Rev. Henry Easter, at St. Clement's Episcopal church.

Texas put herself in right relation to God, because of the fact that she put herself in right relation to the highest welfare of her men and homes on yesterday.—Rev. Caspar S. Wright, at Trinity Methodist church.

Our text says: "Always give thanks for all things." Nothing has happened in the history of Texas for which we should be more thankful than the issue of the election yesterday.—Rev. R. T. Hanks, at Calvary Baptist church.

The intelligent man who buys votes or connives at their being bought, or, without protest profits by their being bought, is a more dangerous citizen than the ignorant Mexican who sells them.—Rev. Jeff D. Ray, at First Baptist church.

Not until sin has been wiped out and wrong has been made right, not until the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man have been stamped upon the hearts of men and institutions, will conflict cease, and smooth living with all men become and actuality.—Rev. C. L. Overstreet, at First presbyterian church.

CHURCH NOTES.

At the First Christian church Wednesday evening, Rev. Jerry J. Rice and wife will deliver a lecture on their trip to Portland.

The Aid society of Calvary Baptist church will meet at 4 oclock on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. E. H. Griffith, at 1401 Florence street. Mrs. Griffith and Mrs. W. B. Day will be the hostesses.

The sewing circle of St. Clement's Guild will meet at the house of Mrs. L. H. Tucker, at 618 rospect avenue, on Wednesday, at 3 p. m.

A meeting of the church session will be held at the First Presbyterian church at 8 oclock on Tuesday evening.

Married Life the Second Year

By Mabel Herbert Urner

No. 65—In Which Warren Takes Helen for a Car Ride on a Very Hot Night.

"I BELIEVE it's cooler in the dining room than here. We can open the hall door and get a breeze through."

"It isn't cool anywhere, and this apartment's the limit. There's no ventilation in these rooms at all; they're jammed right up against that brick wall. We'll not stay here another summer, I can tell you that!"

"But dear, this is unusually hot weather; we've never had it like this. Yesterday was the hottest day in 12 years. Wasn't that what the papers said?"

"Yes, but this place is insufferable. It's hotter than my office, and that's bad enough. Get on your things, and we'll go out for a car ride. I'm not going to swelter here all evening."

"But, dear, what about Winifred?"

"Have Mrs. O'Grady come up and stay with her."

Helen hesitated. She disliked leaving her with the janitor's wife, and yet it was too hot to drag her around a night like this.

"Well, if you want to stay you can, but I'm going out. You've been cooped up here all day, I should think you'd like to get a little air."

"Oh, you know I would, I'd love to! I was only thinking about Winifred!"

"Well, get Mrs. O'Grady. She's glad to sit here a couple of hours for 50 cents."

All Cars Crowded.

Helen telephoned down to Mrs. O'Grady, who came up at once.

"Where shall we go?" asked Warren, when a little later they reached the street. "Take the car to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and come back on the Riverside bus?"

"Oh, that would be lovely!"

"All right, here comes a car."

But the car was crowded, there was not a seat and several were standing.

"No use trying to get on there, we'll have to wait for the next."

But the next was even more crowded. Warren swung his cane impatiently. "That's the trouble in trying to get anywhere in New York, you always have to go with the rabble."

"Wait, dear, maybe there'll be some seats on the next one," said Helen, hopefully.

It was several minutes before another came. There were just two seats on the rear platform. Two workmen in their shirt sleeves and a colored boy were the other occupants.

"But it isn't so bad, dear," said Helen. "You really do get a better view on the back seat than anywhere in the car, and it's cool back here."

Warren hung his hat on his cane and ran his hand through his hair.

"It's better than that stuffy apartment. Helen, we've really got to get out of there. I meant what I said. I'm not going to spend another summer in that place."

"But, Warren, where can we go? We can't get anything else for what we are paying there."

"Why can't we? There are plenty of apartments in New York."

"But you know the agent made us a special rate on that, and I heard that the first of October they're going to raise all the apartments $10 a month to anyone coming in. Only those who have leases can renew them at the same rates."

"Nonsense! They can't get any more than they are getting for those flats."

"Why, yes, Warren, they're cheap, we have six rooms and a bath for $70. And for that neighborhood that's very low. I don't believe we could get anything else for that."

"Of course you can, it's only a matter of looking. You can get anything if you look for it long enough and go after it right. As soon as this heat lets up a little we'll go out some afternoon and size up a few places. There," he pointed to some large apartment houses they were passing, "those look like pretty decent places, and I'll wager the room would be cool, too."

"But, dear, do you want to come so far up?"

"Well, if I take the subway a few more stations don't matter."

"All out! Car ahead!" shouted the conductor.

Warren muttered something about the wretched service of the surface cars. They managed to get a seat in the car ahead, but at the next corner some people crowded in and stood in front of them.

"Come!" Warren rose angrily. "I'm not going to stand for this. Let's get out and walk—it's only a few blocks further."

They climbed out, making their way with difficulty past a stout woman with a baby on her lap and a man with his legs crossed.

"That's the last time we'll take that line," declared Warren, more and more irritated at each discomfort.

"But it'll be lovely going back on the 'bus. It's so beautiful along there by the river," said Helen soothingly.

She was anxiously trying to make their outing a pleasant one. He so often made her feel that it was her fault if things went wrong.

They walked slowly over to Riverside Drive.

"Here, we get the 'bus over on this side. Jove, look at that crowd waiting. We might have known there'd not be a chance in a hundred of getting a seat."

Helen's heart sank. She dreaded the effect of anything further to irritate him. A 'bus came up now already crowded. Only two people got down, and 50 struggled to take their places.

"Perhaps the next won't be so crowded." She tried to say it hopefully.

"Nonsense! They're all just like that. If we'd had any sense we'd have thought of it. This is a nice pleasure trip for a summer evening!" disagreeably. "Come on; we might as well go back the way we came. It's no use waiting here."

"Oh, do wait, dear, for just one more. Here it comes now. You see, they're running them often."

But it, too, was crowded, and there was a mad rush for the one vacated seat on top.

"Come on!" Warren started off. "It's no use hanging around here. Look at that mob of people; they'd fill a dozen 'buses. But we'll not go back by the line we came up on, that's certain. We'll go over and take the crosstown car to Madison avenue."

He stalked angrily on ahead. They waited on the corner by a dingy saloon from which came the odor of stale beer. They could see a number of crosstown cars standing at the end of the line down by the ferry. At length one came toward them. Warren stepped to the side of the track, but it clanged on by without stopping.

"Why on earth didn't he stop? They've got to stop at this corner."

"Oh, never mind, dear, here comes another."

Warren shook his cane at this one, but it too passed without stopping.

By this time he was boiling with rage.

"Perhaps they don't stop here. Hadn't we better go down to the ferry and get one?" suggested Helen timidly.

"No, we'll get one right here! This is the far corner—the place they have to stop. I'll stop the next car or know the reason why!"

As the next one approached Warren started forward to plant himself in the middle of the track, when the car drew up on the other corner, and they were forced to make an undignified rush to get it.

"What on earth is the matter with you fellows?" Warren spluttered, as he gave the conductor the fare. "Two cars whizzed by me without stopping. You're supposed to stop on the far corner—why don't you do it?"

The conductor shrugged his shoulders indifferently and rang up the fares without deigning any answer.

"By George! I'll report that insolent fellow! These conductors are a lot of blamed ruffians. If I had my way I'd fire nine-tenths of them."

Helen said nothing, fearing she would only irritate him more. And he rode the rest of the way in sullen silence.

And as Helen gazed out into the street, she asked herself why must so many of their outings end like this? Why was he so easily irritated? Why did he spoil so much of their pleasure in this way?

Dorothy Dix On Forewarned Is Forearmed

No. 2—A Few Hints to Young Girls and Men Who Are Contemplating Marriage

WHAT is this strange and unfamiliar creature ap-proaching, Ma-ma?

That is a man, my child.

How very queer it looks, Ma-ma. I never saw one at a Summer Resort before.

They are indeed extremely rare, my child, although oc-cassional-ly one of the species, bolder than the rest, wanders into such places.

Is the man dan-ger-ous, Ma-ma?

Oh, no, my child, a Man at a Summer Resort is not dan-ger-ous. He is in deadly peril from the hun-ters himself.

Will the Man bite, Ma-ma?

That is what all Ma-mas with daughters who have been out three seasons are try-ing to find out, my child.

Oh, see Ma-ma, what beautiful raiment the Man has on!

Doubtless he belongs to the variety known as Haberdashers Clerks, my child.

Observe his lovely pins and neckties, Ma-ma.

He will not escape with them from the Summer Resort, my child. When he returns to his native land he will be hold-ing his shirt together with a safety pin, and using a shoestring for a cravat.

The Man appears to be rather lopsided, Ma-ma.

That is his way, my child, but he will be nicely trimmed before the Hotel Proprietor and the Summer Girl get through with him.

Oh, see, Ma-ma, the man moves with a string halted gait.

He acquired that, my child, by trying to dance with all the young maidens that papered the ball-room walls.

Why did he not let the mai-dens dance with each other, Ma-ma?

The man has a kind heart, my child, and he could not en-dure the pa-the-tic sight of be-hold-ing two girls waltzing with each other, and trying to look as if they were having a good time.

I myself have shed tears at that spec-tacle, Ma-ma.

That is right, my child, never permit your-self to ob-serve suf-fer-ing heroically borne without extend-ing your sympathy to it.

Oh, see, Ma-ma, the Man ap-pears to have corns on his hands.

That is true, my child; they are the result of having played tennis and golf with all the athletic Summer Girls.

Does the Man love to play tennis and golf, Ma-ma?

He used to, my child, but that was before he had played himself to a frazzle trying to keep up with the young women who bantered him to a game.

I observe, Ma-ma, that the Man has a wild and distraught look in his eyes.

Oh, yes, my child; he is trying to re-mem-ber which girls he has engaged himself to, and what he said and whether it is Marie, or Lulu, or Sadie, or Gwendolin, or Maggie who is to give him her answer to-night.

I hear the Man making a strange sound, Ma-ma. What is he saying?

He is saying I never loved before. I have searched through the length and breadth of the world, seeking my ideal, but never found her until I met you.

Does the man always say the same thing when he is at a Summer Resort?

Oh, yes, my child. The only time he varies it is when he says to a married woman, "Oh, how cruel is Fate, that we did not meet until it was Too Late!"

Do the women believe what a Man tells them at a Summer Resort, Ma-ma?

Oh, no, my child; not unless the man has enough money to make a Breach of Promise suit worth while.

Oh, see, Ma-ma, how swiftly the Man is running.

He is being hard pursued, my child.

Will he get caught, Ma-ma?

Ah, my child, that I cannot tell. Generally he escapes because he is a very foxy crea-ture, but many traps have been laid for him, and there are many women who are good sprinters.

Why does he come to a Summer Resort if he is in such danger, Ma-ma?

There are many men who are foolhardy, and who en-joy taking desperate risks, my child.

Did you ever see a Man at a Summer Resort before, Ma-ma?

Twice, my child; once I saw a very old Man, who had shed his hair and his teeth, and again I saw a very young one, a mere cub, who had not cut his wisdom teeth.

Oh, what a great tra-vel-ler you must have been, Ma-ma.

You speak truly, my child. I have beheld many strange sights.

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FIFTH ALFALFA CROP AT DEMING

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Deming, N. M., July 24.—W. W. Crawford, living one-half mile east of town, is making his fifth cutting of alfalfa this season. This alfalfa was planted last September, the first cutting being in March. The fifth crop stood 36 to 40 inches in height, the five cuttings averaging one and one-half tons to the acre. He says he will get two more cuttings this season. It should not require much figuring to determine whether alfalfa pays a profit selling at $14 to $15 on the field, with seven cuttings per season, each cutting averaging one and one-half tons to the acre. Mr. Crawford is now gathering a first crop of alfalfa from seed planted this spring.

The Mimbres Valley Irrigation company has purchased the ditch rights of the Rio Mimbres Water Users' association, commonly known as the Schull right. This consolidation will be the means of saving a great deal of water for irrigation purposes, for whereas the sandy bed of the Mimbres river absorbs untold quantities of water, the flood waters will hereafter be taken out at the upper ditch and brought down on hard ground to the land under the Schull tract. Frequently in the past, a good head of water would be in the river at the upper headgate, whereas there would be none available at the Schull headgate, the head of water being lost in the sands between the two. These two tracts of land alone, operating near Deming, have between 1000 and 1200 acres now under cultivation.

M. H. Parsons, seven miles west of town, comes in with the earliest reports on melons in this section. He is just having his first cantaloupes now, while yesterday was his third successive Sunday at delicious home-grown watermelons.

Dr. P. K. Cornway's 80 acre field of beans is looking as green and pretty as a velvet carpet. The doctor also has in 80 acres of cane, corn and maize, and several acres of garden, his total acreage under intensive cultivation being 173. Last April his farmsite was a part of the desert, but now is being reclaimed with one of the best pumping plants in the valley.

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Savannah between Lowell and Lackland, Grandview.—T. W. Wells to Ray P. Cloud, lot 4, block 63; consideration $50.

Estrella between Cloudcroft and Tularosa, East El Paso.—Mrs. N. C. Funk and husband to A. J. Blain, lots 1, 2 and 14, block 93; consideration $500.

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