

MODERN MINISTER SALESMAN INSTEAD OF A SOUL SAVER?

London, September 15—Modern ministers are trained as more "salesmen" instead of Christian apostles and that is one reason why the people generally have a luke-warm attitude toward religion, declared the Rev. Dr. J. S. Ladd Thomas of Chicago, in an address here today before the Ecumenical Methodist Conference. The speaker said he saw "a real peril" in the effort of denominational leaders to force the ministry into a narrow and mechanical scheme whose direct aim is to produce the largest immediate revenue.

"Poorly attended churches all over the land bear witness to the people's indifference toward institutional religion," said Dr. Thomas. "Full churches are the exception rather than the rule. It is the empty church which stares us in the face and, more eloquently than words, speaks of the attitude of that large group of people who have rejected institutional religion as something unnecessary in their lives."

"They are pleasure mad; they have a mania for materialistic indulgence while their belief in the modern church as the representative of God and the Ambassador of Christ does not express itself. The real problem," the speaker indicated, "is how to vitalize the church so that she may authoritatively and convincingly persuade men of their divine inheritance and the mission of sacrificial service."

Asserting that "the average artisan lacks confidence in the church as the champion of the 'square deal,'" he continued: "This indifference has arisen from a misconception of God—a wrong teaching of God—a wrong teaching of the church and a wrong teaching of the Christian life. In many of the critical hours of history the church has failed to impress the world with an authoritative message—which would bring light into the dark hours on the subject of war, the relations of capital and labor and other vital questions which have been

Colonization Of Reclaimed Lands Drainage Problem

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 15—Colonization of reclaimed lands will be the principal subject of discussion at the tenth annual convention of the National Drainage Congress to be held here September 22-24.

The convention will be attended by landowners, farmers, drainage contractors, engineers and others interested in the development of fertile lowlands.

Reports of railroad colonization commissioners and a report on methods of colonization in cutover regions of Wisconsin will precede discussion of colonization. Other subjects which will be considered are rural credits, drainage projects, state drainage legislation and the relationship of electricity, steam power and drainage pumping plants.

Secretary of the Sherman of Chicago reported to the governors of South Carolina, Tennessee, Louisiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan and Missouri have named delegates.

Speakers will include Governor J. A. O. Preus of Minnesota, Dr. F. H. Newell of Washington, D. C., former head of the federal reclamation service, H. B. Roe, a soil expert of the University of Minnesota, and F. W. DeWolf, chief of the Illinois Geological Survey Division.

ALLEGED LIQUOR RUNNER KILLED BY A POSSE

Waynesboro, Ga., Sept. 14—In a fight with a posse of Burke county officers near here tonight A. P. Peak, of Columbia, S. C., an alleged liquor runner was instantly killed. L. C. Miller, of Lexington, S. C., his companion was lodged in jail here and the automobile in which the men were riding and eight cases of liquor are being held by the authorities.

"Prophets and priests," Dr. Thomas said, must "challenge the people with a gospel that will restore confidence in the church, trust in Christ and service to the world. The church must not forget her social message but she must also remember that Christianity is a religion of the individual."

WORLD EMERGING FROM MORAL EBB CLAIMS ZARING

(By Associated Press.) London, Sept. 15—Moral standards of the present day, changing from the simple code of our forefathers, are "excrescences growing out of the war," declared the Rev. Dr. Elbert Röbb Zaring, editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate, Chicago, before the fifth Ecumenical Methodist Conference here today. "It is a passing wave from which," he said "we are slowly but surely emerging."

Dr. Zaring, in his address, referred to the pleasantry which passed between a Chicago and a New York daily paper many years ago when Chicago was developing the sky-scraping habit. Chicago twitted New York on the fact and the Herald of that city replied there was no city on the Western Hemisphere that needed its sky scraped worse than Chicago. "Since then scores of cities have gone into the sky-scraping business," continued the speaker. "In the spiritual meaning of that term we must all scrape the sky to get a correct idea of moral standards."

"The true moral standard is unchangeable. It lies like a great snow-capped mountain range across the horizon. It cannot change. This moral mountain range which has set the standard for all time sustains the same relation to the moral world that the Himalayas do to the physical earth. "Attempts have been made to substitute, but to no avail. Every once in awhile you hear of a new set of Commandments. Men of different professions have issued Ten Commandments for husbands, for wives, for students and even school children. Revisers have even gone into the field of the New Testament and proposed Beatitudes different from those laid down by our Lord. All these attempts are futile and insignificant compared to the mountain range formed by the first Ten Commandments let down out of Heaven through the medium of Moses. They cannot be improved upon.

"Our conception of moral standards is changing. We are today in the trough of a wave. The war upset everything, toppled our moral as well as our intellectual and physical standards. We have not recommended to keep house. Thus there are certain retrogressions that are greatly deplored and which some fancy are a permanent lowering of the moral standards. These are but excrescences growing out of the war. Such a horrible program as was projected upon the world could not but leave in its trail a sordid conception of morals. Thus, in the matter of family ties, of physical habits, of our amusements, we find people indulging as they have not done for many years past.

"This is but a passing wave. Even now we are emerging therefrom. Our conception of the moral standard is lifting. One of the most hopeful phases of this development of a moral ideal is the application of the principal of Christianity to the great world of industry about us. There is no question but that we have a larger outlook in this field than ever before.

"But the world has become complicated. There is no simplicity. Everything is interwoven, enmeshed. 'No man liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself' in any sense whatever. Once upon a time we did not care how a man made his money just so he distributed it properly. Now we are not so anxious about the distribution of his money as how he made it. I have great hopes for the future. The moral standard is lifting gradually. The line marked upon the side of the great and eternal standard set by Christ Himself is gradually mounting. Some day—but not now—we may reach the tip of the standard."

Britain Prepares New Coal Station

(By Associated Press.) PaPeeete, Tahiti Sept. 15—Great Britain is preparing to establish a naval coaling station at Penrhyn Island, a large atoll about 700 miles north of here, according to report received from a British warship that recently visited Tahiti. Penrhyn is famous in the South Seas as a rich pearl island.

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Sex Equality Has Long Existed On Squirrel Islands

(By Associated Press.) Squirrel Island, Me., Sept. 15—Fifty years ago twenty men bought this island for a retreat from city life in the hot months of the year, formed a community and gave it religion and a local government.

Now their children are celebrating the golden jubilee of the establishment of the Maine summer colony. They declare that while summer homes had dotted the coast of Maine before 1871, it was the success of the Squirrel Island Community that led to the founding of other colonies all the way from Kittery to Sorrento.

Founded for freedom and fun modified by church and village regulation, the Squirrel Island Association was from the first on a basis of sex equality. Women voted with men under a compact described as being "as obedient to Divine Guidance as that of the Mayflower Pilgrims."

Ohio Plans Some Protection From Shyster Lawyers

(By Associated Press.) Dayton, O., Sept. 15—The voluntary state bar association of today is due to give way to an association created under state statute in which every lawyer is required to belong, according to Daniel W. Iddings of this city, president of the Ohio State Bar association.

The object sought is protection of the public and the legal profession from the unscrupulous lawyer. The associations would have disciplinary powers.

A definite movement to this end which has already made considerable progress is reported by Mr. Iddings. He noted that North Dakota has made all lawyers of the state members of the association which is given broad powers to evolve such organization as it sees fit. The law went into effect July 1.

In Florida, a more comprehensive bill recently passed the state senate. The Michigan senate has passed a similar bill and in Ohio one was introduced in the Senate but failed to pass. The president of the Ohio Bar

Association added that the Nebraska, Maryland, Minnesota, Kansas, Idaho, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and North Carolina associations were studying the subject.

The plan of self government for the bar is not new on this continent, according to Mr. Iddings. It is in effect in Canada, he said, while the Inns Court of England, which serve as a model, have been in existence for centuries.

"Only seventeen percent of the work of a lawyer is done in court, the other 83 per cent of his livelihood is earned away from the 'all seeing eye' of the judge," he said. "Self discipline and self government are required now as never before."

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