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The camel, at the close of day,
Kneels down upon the sandy plain
To have his burden lifted off,
And rest again.

Thou, too, O traveler, to thy knee
When daylight draweth to a close,
And let the Master lift the load
And grant repose.

Else how could'st thou tomorrow meet,
With all tomorrow's work to do,
If thou the burden all the night
Dost carry through?

The camel kneels at break of day
To have his guide replace the load,
Then rises up anew to take
The desert road.

So, pilgrim, kneel at morning's dawn,
That God may give thee daily care,
Assured that he no load to great
Will make thee bear.

—Anon.

A PRESBYTERIAN FAMILY PAPER.

THE PRESBYTERIAN ALLIANCE.

BY REV. S. J. FISHER, D.D.

The Eleventh Council of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System met at Pittsburgh, Pa., in the large auditorium of the First Church on the morning of Sept. 17th. Many of its members had become acquainted through the reception given at the William Penn Hotel the evening before. There were 270 delegates of a possible 350, many from America, but some from Russia, Africa and the Orient. They found the galleries of the church decorated with the flags of all the countries represented except Germany, for which two banners of the Red Cross were substituted. The president of the Alliance, Rev. Dr. William Park, of Belfast, presided, a man of impressive character, in his seventy-seventh year, and the fifty-first of his ministry. In his address he appealed to the delegates to support disarmament, expressed the gratitude of Great Britain for ex-President Wilson, for his self-sacrifice, and told of the high esteem in which President Harding is held. Emphasizing the duty to help the weak Reformed churches, he referred to the proposals of the Lambeth Anglican Conference, to be discussed later, and said: "Whether the administration by bishops has been more used to advance the kingdom of God than that by our Presbyterian democratic form is something we must think about. As I read history, it has not."

Then followed an address of welcome by Hon. E. V. Babcock, Mayor of Pittsburgh; the reading of a letter from President Harding, commending the Council, which letter was heard standing; an address of welcome by Rev. Dr. John McClurkin in behalf of the churches of the city, and a response by Sheriff Watson, of Scotland, in behalf of the foreign delegates.

In the afternoon an automobile excursion through the East End was provided for every delegate, returning in time for the great dinner and reception at the William Penn Hotel under the auspices of the Presbyterian Social Union. All receptions and daily luncheons were provided for the delegates at this hotel at the expense of the local committee. The interesting fact was noted in the handbook provided for the Council that this hotel occupies the site of the former Third Church, now removed to the East End, and in that church the Assembly of the New School Presbyterian Church met in 1869, and thence marched to the First Church, where the Old School Presbyterian Church was in session, and together these assemblies returned to the Third Church, a reunited Church, with hymns of praise.

Sabbath morning a great throng listened to a sermon of great fervor and power by Rev. John A. Hutton, D.D., of Glasgow, declaring that all true churches had the same great concern, that of saving men from their sins. He also said concerning the Reformation: "Our fathers took down the crucifix in the churches. I think, on the whole, they were justified on the one condition only if they had the spiritual fact of the crucifixion in their lives. But that figure of the crucified Christ must rise in the imagination wherever any group of people are gathered in a Christian church. It is not a church unless dominated by that silent figure." He also said the church should be a place of refuge from temptation, but with the majority religion was an after-thought.

In the afternoon the communion was administered by Rev. Dr. Park, with the pre-communion address by Rev. H. C. Swearingen, D.D., of St. Paul, emphasizing the fact: "The supreme disclosure of life is found in Jesus' death. The controlling idea of that death is love." The post-communion address was made by Prof. William Fulton, of Aberdeen. It was noted that each meditation was closed with: "Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost."

In the evening Rev. Norman McLean, D.D., of Edinburgh, spoke on "Thy God is King," when he asserted there could be no peace in the world until the world adopts the ethical standard, viz.: that God is King, and men should love one another.

Monday morning, after reports on Sabbath Schools and Young People by Rev. R. J. Drummond, D.D., of the Eastern (or Foreign) Section, and by Rev. Robert Hunter, D.D., for the Western Section, each heard with much interest, a paper was read by Prof. James H. Snowden, D.D., on "The Written Word," admirable in style and thought, and

discussing the power of words. It did not deal with the problem of inspiration, but the transfer of the truth to the hearts of men. It was followed by an equally forcible paper by Rev. John A. Hutton, D.D., on "The Living Word," and displaying Christ as the Incarnate Word. A very helpful paper was read by Prof. Edward Naville, of Switzerland, on "Exploration in Bible Lands," showing that recent explorations confirm the statements of the Holy Scriptures.

In the afternoon a characteristically energetic and clearly expressed paper was read by Rev. D. J. Burrell, D.D., on "The Unity of the Church," remarking that it was the high churchmen and heretics who were crying the loudest for church unity. He questioned the value of any but a spiritual unity. He was followed by Prof. P. Carnegie Simpson, of Cambridge, England, with a paper on "The Conception of the Ministry in Relation to the Problems Raised by the Lambeth and Other Conferences." He spoke in opposition to the necessity of Episcopal reordination. "It is an act which can not claim to be counter-signed by any act of the Holy Spirit of God in Christendom. It can not be too plainly said that the first and indispensable step in reunion is recognition of our ordination." The following discussion reiterated his principles, though Rev. Matthew B. Lang, of Scotland, a brother of the Archbishop of York, proposed the Council spend an hour in silence, following the example of the Anglican bishops at Lambeth when perplexed over this problem. No action was taken upon his proposal, and later a committee of six foreign delegates and six from America was appointed to voice the sentiment of the Alliance. Just here the pith of that committee's report may be summarized. Expressing a fraternal interest in every call to closer fellowship, the report observed that, as this body was not legislative, the responsibility of an authoritative answer rested with the churches here represented, but it recorded its opinion that any such conference must be as between churches resting on equal terms, and must be unrestricted as to all questions of ecclesiastical order. There will be substantial progress only when the conferring churches are ready to recognize one another's church standing, and to accompany words of unity by acts of fellowship, in the Lord's table, and elsewhere. The whole matter was commended to the prayers and interest of believing people that it may be made manifest that the Church is one in Christ Jesus.

Monday evening was devoted to a paper by Rev. William Crowe, D.D., of St. Louis, on "Calvinism and the Spirit of the Age," in which he said: "If the world had the Puritan theology it would be a happy world now. For Calvinism teaches a man to face his Creator." He was followed by Prof. W. H. Curtis, of Edinburgh, who spoke on "Christianity a Force in National Life and International Relations."

Tuesday morning brought reports by Prof. Curtis, of the Committee on Work on the European Continent for the Eastern Section, and by Prof. James I. Good, D.D., for the Western Section. Then ten-minute speeches were made by nine representatives of the continental churches. Among the reports, the wonderful advance of the Church in Bohemia shone conspicuous for its hope, as the Czecho-Slovak Church claims 850,000 members, all former Romanists, repudiating the authority of the Pope, permitting the priests to marry, and the worship in the Bohemian language instead of Latin. The strong churches of the Alliance must aid the weak churches of our faith on the Continent. Then followed a paper by Rev. C. E. McCarty, D.D., of Philadelphia, on "The Place of Women in the Church," opposing their ordination as ministers and elders, but granting their election as deacons. In the discussion, some opposed his views. Secretary A. J. Brown, of the Foreign Board, asserted that there had been six times more trouble caused by men in the mission field than by women. Several from abroad favored women preachers.

In the evening addresses were made by Rev. Dr. R. J. Drummond, of Edinburgh, on "The Principles of Christ as Applied to Industrial and Social Problems." His line of thought is familiar to many earnest and thoughtful Christians at the present moment. "When you look into the situation," he said, "you find, on the one hand, those who are eager to destroy the whole system of capital-

ism, and there are those who still cling to the old system and say it is best. As the Savior bridged the racial gulf between Jew and Gentile, Christians should try to bridge the gulf between capital and labor." Mr. Robert P. Wilder delivered an address on "The Church and International Humanitarianism." It was an interesting review of the terrible conditions in Europe and India, and the call to the Church.

On Wednesday the morning session was devoted to the internal organization and future of the Alliance. In the afternoon, Rev. Norman McLean, D.D., spoke on "Temperance in the Old World," and said: "In the old country the problem is a social one. The people have flocked to the cities. In Glasgow 130,000 families live in a one-room house; half a million people live in a one-room and kitchen house. When the Scotsman or Englishman comes home from his toil to his one room with wife and family, and often a lodger, life is unendurable, but there are public houses beckoning to him on every hand." Still Dr. McLean says: "We have great reasons to be encouraged." He was followed by Hon. W. J. Bryan on "World-Wide Prohibition" in an address that was heard with profound interest and pleasure by more than twenty-five hundred auditors, the auditorium and the large chapel behind the pulpit, with its huge opened doors, making a great audience hall. His address lasted one hour and thirty-five minutes, though the rule for each address was twenty minutes, and prolixity checked by the stroke of the bell. But the exceptional was recognized and rightly. Rev. Dr. Park expressed his own opinion and that of his colleagues that this one address repaid them for their long journey. Mr. Bryan gently scored the ignorant arguments of some New York newspapers by saying: "If you read them you would think prohibition was suggested one night and put into effect before morning" (instead of being discussed and fought over for fifty years). "Don't let these New York newspapers deceive you. These newspapers think unless a reform does not start in New York it does not amount to anything, and no reform ever does start in New York." "Our worst 'leak' just now is the Bahama Islands. Do you think Great Britain is going to continue a silent partner in smuggling in \$10,000,000 worth of liquor—that she would lend her flag to this? No. I am proposing that our Congress should withdraw American citizenship from those who use the British or any other flag to protect violation of this American law."

In the evening the subject of "Christian Education" was considered, when Rev. H. M. Robinson, D.D., presented the report of the Committee on Education, followed by a paper by Rev. T. C. Jones, of the Welsh Church, on "Christian Education in the Home and Sabbath School." Then President W. O. Thompson, of Columbus, O., spoke on "Christian Education in Colleges and Schools." His experience is wide, and information in this line unusual. He thought the Presbyterian and Reformed churches have not quite kept pace with their relative interest in the cause of higher Christian education, or in the production of teachable books and a literature, suited to arouse interest in Biblical research and religious education.

Thursday morning, through a paper on Home Missions, by Rev. John Hall, of Edinburgh, "the present and prospective dearth of ministers," as expressed by the Church of England, came up. Dr. Hall said the shortage of men practically dominates the home mission situation at the present moment. "The Presbyterian Church has flourished by the preaching of the Word handled, for the most part, by educated men, and to abandon this is, in the long run, to court disaster. But this stringency in the supply of candidates for the ministry is forcing the Church to look more closely to its immense reserve of strength in lay workers, men and women." "This, however, on one condition, that the Church itself undertakes the task of training." Then followed an address on Home Missions in Canada, by Dr. W. H. Sedgwick, and the report on Evangelism in the United States of America, by Mr. Huston, of Coatesville, Pa. Dr. Henry Montgomery, of Belfast, spoke on "Home Missions in the British Isles," and, referring to Ireland, said the Roman Catholic priests in Ireland would not permit their people to read the Bible. At this session Rev. Dr. John D. McNaugher,

president of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary of the United Presbyterian Church, was elected President of the Alliance, succeeding Rev. Dr. William Parks, an honor justly deserved by one who has not only been tireless in his service to the Alliance and foremost in the preparations for this Council, but is, by character, scholarship and evangelical principles, well fitted for this task. A large sympathy, a true liberality, a sure love for Christ and a true love of the brethren makes this election admirable. Rev. J. R. Fleming, D.D., of Edinburgh, was elected Foreign Secretary, and Rev. H. B. Master, D.D., of Philadelphia, American Secretary, and Cardiff, Wales, was chosen for the twelfth Council in 1925.

The afternoon was devoted to greetings from other churches. Rev. Charles H. Brent, D.D., of Buffalo, Protestant Episcopal bishop of the Western Diocese of New York, commenting on the Lambeth proposals of the Anglican Church, said the Lambeth message is an humble appeal, an appeal for a conference. "It is a starting point. Society today is without a united voice on moral principles. The Church has no united voice as to what constitutes marriage, or on the industrial question, or on education and religious instruction." Then addresses were made by President McCrory, of Biddle University, Charlotte, N. C., and Drs. Shaw and Lee, on "The Negro Problem." These three speakers made a very happy impression as they discussed the interests and progress of their race. They were followed by a vigorous attack on the Ku-Klux-Klan, by Nolan R. Best, who characterized it as a traitor against God, and a defier of God's will among men. "What we want in this country," he said, "is Christian supremacy, and not the supremacy of any one class or race." This criticism was indorsed by Rev. I. S. McElroy, of Columbus, Ga., who charged it with lawlessness. Rev. John McDowell, D.D., spoke on "Home Missions in Their Evangelistic and Sociological Aspects."

In the evening, when Rev. Dr. Lowe, of Belfast, presided, he said that Francis Makemie, the Ulster man, organized the first presbytery formed on American soil. Rev. Oliver Russell, of Scotland, spoke on "The Evangelical Program," and Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer, D.D., of Philadelphia, on "Our Churches and the Immigrant," saying the immigrant has been a great contribution to our American life.

Friday brought out the question of World Evangelism. The addresses of Rev. S. M. Zwemer, D.D., and Rev. Dr. C. R. Watson, of Cairo University, were of striking import and information. Missionaries from Africa, China, Korea, Formosa, Cawnpore, Persia, Siam and Brazil stirred the minds and hearts of great audiences. Here it may be said that it was remarked that at no previous Council has the attendance on the meetings been so large and appreciative.

On Saturday an address was made by Rev. Dr. W. C. Covert, of Chicago, on "The Christian Sabbath," and in the afternoon an automobile excursion, forty miles in length, was given the delegates, traversing the residential and industrial sections, the parks and suburbs, with glimpses of rivers and the rural environment.

Sabbath evening closed the exercises, when a telegram of "Heartly greetings" was received from the Swiss Evangelical Society, celebrating their fiftieth anniversary. The retiring President, Dr. Park, made an eloquent address, and Dr. McNaugher, in the name of the Council, expressed a wish for a safe voyage for the departing delegates to their desired haven and bade them God speed. After varied votes of thanks to the First and other churches, to Mr. John A. Bell, the organist, who skillfully arranged the musical program, to citizens and the public press, the closing address was made by Prof. J. Ritchie Smith, of Princeton, on "The Church and the Future." He doubted the Church would ever be united into the particular faith of a Calvin, a Luther, or a Wesley. "All varieties of Christian faith can not be forced into a single system. The kingdom is far larger than the Church, as the spirit is far larger than the body. It is the Holy Catholic Church divided in creed, but one in Christ." Rev. J. I. Good, D.D., offered the closing prayer.

The Handbook published by the local committee, and edited by your correspondent, proved very useful and interesting to the delegates and others, and noted the seventh

Conference of the International Union of Women's Foreign Missionary Societies of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches, held Sept. 22d in the Grace Reformed Church, Bellefield, which was of great interest.

EAST TENNESSEE NOTES.

BY REV. ROBERT I. GAMON, D.D.

The Presbytery of Union met in St. Paul Church, Sept. 27th. Rev. W. E. Graham, D.D., was elected moderator. Rev. Horace Cady Wilson was received from the Presbytery of Ottawa, to be pastor of Knoxville Second Church. Rev. R. O. Franklin was received from the Presbytery of South Siam, to supply New Market and Hebron. The overtures were answered in the negative.

The new manse at Toqua is nearing completion. It will be lighted by electricity. This, with the beautiful church, makes the Toqua field the best equipped of any rural field in the presbytery. Rev. T. J. Miles, D.D., is the pastor. Four members were added to the Union Hall Church, in the same pastorate. A helpful series of evangelistic meetings was recently concluded in the Mount Cumberland Church, in this group also.

Rev. W. M. Gilliam and the session of the Erin Church have announced a program of activities for the fall and winter. Two new members were welcomed on Sept. 25th.

Rev. W. T. Bartlett will begin evangelistic meetings in the St. Paul Church Nov. 13th. Rev. L. F. Smith is pastor.

Dr. W. R. Dawson assisted Rev. E. W. Hall in special services in Big Spring recently, with several additions.

A helpful series of meetings was conducted recently in Clover Hill by the pastor, Rev. R. C. Jones, assisted by Rev. C. W. Byrd.

A revival of far-reaching influence was the result of meetings in the Pine Grove Church. Rev. C. H. Everett, the pastor, preached himself, receiving twenty members Sept. 18th. Knoxville, Tenn.

COLUMBUS LETTER.

BY REV. WILLIAM ANDREW FERRINS, D.D.

Dr. Robert F. Horton, in his masterly essay on "Life," with striking illustration and attractive phraseology, presses the import of life in the following manner: "The fourth step in life is to gain the sense of humanity, to believe in its solidarity, and to hold oneself a debtor to the whole world. That life has become truly good and worthy of immortality, which throbs with the life of the whole. It could be wished that over every human grave might be written the epitaph which marks John Howard's resting-place in Russia: 'Reader, whosoever thou art, know that thou standest by the grave of a friend.'" The American Red Cross is now holding its National Convention in our city. Among the important features of the work is the fact that 37,787 nurses are now on the rolls of the society; service costing \$10,000,000 a year is being provided for disabled ex-service men, and the budget for the coming year is \$19,361,657.67. Among those attending the convention are Dr. Livingston Farrand, the president of the society; Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., General John J. Pershing, Mrs. August Belmont, and Mrs. W. K. Draper. President Harding may also attend.

The Welsh Presbyterian Church is to be dedicated about the first of December. A committee is now in communication with Lloyd George, the famous Welshman, who is expected to attend the Disarmament Conference, asking him to deliver the dedicatory address. This is to be one of the finest church buildings in the State. The pastor, Rev. E. E. Jones, is to be congratulated.

Nelson Memorial Church, Rev. W. M. Jennings, D.D., pastor, has been beautifully decorated and inverted lights have been installed. A splendid spirit is manifested by his people, and the immediate future will hold for pastor and people a deserved success.

The Synod's Committee on Men's Work held its annual meeting here. Dr. W. L. Whallon, the chairman, presided over the meeting, and outlined aggressive schemes, the adoption of which will mean a new era for the brotherhoods and men's Bible classes of our Church. Dr. W. F. Weir,

the general secretary, was the guest of the meeting.

The Central Church, Rev. J. T. Britan, D.D., the pastor, has undergone extensive repairs. The church has also been refrescoed and inverted lights have been introduced. This is the most churchly auditorium in the city. Dr. Britan has started the evening services and, though a distinctively down-town church, the attendance is large.

The First Church, Rev. B. F. Brundage, D.D., pastor, is successfully grappling with its long-standing debt. Since the coming of the present pastor one thousand dollars each month has been paid, so about \$6,000 has been realized. This debt will soon be paid off, and the church then hopes to carry out a great program for the community.

The Church Federation of this city is to have a "retreat" at Westerville for the ministers of the Protestant churches. Among the speakers is Rev. A. W. Blackwood, D.D., the pastor of the Indianola Presbyterian Church.

There will be a College of Wooster Alumni banquet in the Chittenden Hotel on Monday evening. President Wishart is the guest. A new enthusiasm and a large service for the college will be instituted. Rev. Eugene W. Pocock, the assistant pastor of the Board Street Church, is in charge of this event.

THE TREND OF THOUGHT

AS REVEALED BY THE SIX BEST SELLERS AT THE PRESBYTERIAN BOOK STORES.

Philadelphia.—1. The Life of St. Paul, by James Stalker. 2. From Genesis the Revelation, by Mildred Berry. 3. Realizing Religion, by S. M. Shoemaker, Jr. 4. The Gospel of the Plow, by Sam Higgenbottom. 5. Intention of His Soul, by Rev. Herbert L. Simpson, M.A. 6. What and Where is God? by R. L. Swain, Ph.D.

New York.—1. What and Where is God? by R. L. Swain, Ph.D. 2. The Shepherd of the Sea, by W. L. Watkins, D.D., LL.D. 3. Jesus in the Experience of Men, by T. R. Glover. 4. The Meaning of Service, by H. E. Fosdick. 5. I Believe, by Rev. G. A. S. Kennedy. 6. Ambassadors of God, by S. P. Cadman.

Chicago.—1. Religion and Business, by Roger W. Babson. 2. What and Where is God? by R. L. Swain, Ph.D. 3. Evangelistic Preaching, by O. S. Davis. 4. Standing Room Only, by William L. Stidger, D.D. 5. Jesus in the Experience of Men, by T. R. Glover. 6. One Thousand Evangelistic Illustrations, by Aquilla Webb, D.D., LL.D.

Cincinnati.—1. What and Where is God? by R. L. Swain, Ph.D. 2. Jesus in the Experience of Men, by T. R. Glover. 3. Life and Letters of St. Paul, by James Stalker. 4. Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth, by Dr. C. I. Scofield. 5. Studies in the Book of Acts, by Grace Saxe. 6. The Truth About Christian Science, by James H. Snowden, D.D., LL.D.

Nashville.—1. Fundamentals of Prosperity, by Roger W. Babson. 2. What and Where is God? by R. L. Swain, Ph.D. 3. The Truth About Christian Science, by James H. Snowden, D.D., LL.D. 4. The Psychology of Religion, by James H. Snowden, D.D., LL.D. 5. The Intention of His Soul, by Rev. Herbert L. Simpson, M.A. 6. In His Steps Today, by Charles M. Sheldon.

St. Louis.—1. The Shepherd of the Sea, by W. L. Watkins, D.D., LL.D. 2. The Fundamentals of Prosperity, by Roger W. Babson. 3. Life of St. Paul, by James Stalker. 4. The Vision We Forget, by P. W. Wilson. 5. Evangelism, by W. E. Biederwolf. 6. The Truth About Christian Science, by James H. Snowden, D.D., LL.D.

San Francisco.—1. The Meaning of Service, by H. E. Fosdick. 2. The Week Day Church, by Walter Albion Squires. 3. The Meaning of Faith, by H. E. Fosdick. 4. What and where is God? by R. L. Swain, Ph.D. 5. How Jesus Met Life's Questions, by Harrison S. Elliott. 6. Jesus in the Experience of Men, by T. R. Glover.

Pittsburgh.—1. Religion of a Layman, by Charles R. Brown. 2. What and Where is God? by R. L. Swain, Ph.D. 3. Jesus in the Experience of Men, by T. R. Glover. 4. The Winds of God, by L. A. Banks, D.D. 5. I Believe, by G. A. S. Kennedy. 6. The Life of St. Paul, by James Stalker.