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## ORTHODOX CHURCHMEN ABANDON LONG BEARD

ADOPTING WESTERN TYPES URGES CLEAN NEWSPAPER

Modern Styles in Hirsute Adornment in Favor Among Leading Prelates of East, Says Report

The modern movement has penetrated the Near East and sounded the death knell of the long, picturesque beards which have been one of the characteristic features of the prelates of the Eastern Orthodox church, according to advices received by Episcopal churchmen who are engaged in the promotion of the World Conference on Faith and Order which will be held in 1925.

From Athens comes word that His Holiness Meletios IV, who was recently enthroned at Constantinople as Oecumenical Patriarch of the Eastern Orthodox Church, and who was elected to this position while he was undergoing the Americanizing influence of temporary residence in New York, is instituting some interesting reforms among the orthodox churchmen not only in the Balkan states, but throughout the Near East. Among these reforms, he plans to encourage orthodox priests to abandon their long beards.

### Curtailing Beards

It will be recalled by those who have seen the many Eastern church prelates that have visited America recently, that almost without exception their faces have been adorned by great, bushy, hirsute growths. Meletios himself, upon his first arrival in America wore a long beard which ultimately was so reduced in size, that upon his departure to assume his duties at Constantinople, it was not much longer than that which adorns the features of Secretary of State Hughes. No reason is given in the reports from Constantinople for this reform which, whatever else it may accomplish, will rob the Eastern prelates of a large amount of the picturesqueness which has distinguished them among their brothers of other churches at the ecclesiastical convocations in America which they have attended.

Another reform which Meletios IV is advocating is that of a movement for the adoption in the Near East of the Gregorian or western calendar for all civil purposes. The Greek government at Athens has just instituted this reform and the western calendar is now in force throughout the Kingdom of Greece. The older Julian calendar, which lags thirteen days behind ours, is still being used for ecclesiastical purposes, though Meletios has urged that the complete change be made so that the western calendar shall be used upon all occasions.

### Union at Churches

Meletios is an ardent advocate of the organic union of the Christian churches throughout the world upon the unshakable basis of the Orthodox Faith. He is thoroughly conversant with western theology and with American life and thought and is heartily co-operating with the Continuation Committee of the World Conference on Faith and Order, a call from which has just been issued for a prayer period during the eight days from May 13 to 20, "on behalf of the visible unity of Christianity."

This call, which is now repeated for the fifth year comes from the world wide organization representing the Anglican, Armenian, Baptist, Congregational, Czechoslovak, Disciples, Eastern Orthodox, Friends, German Evangelical, Lutheran, Methodist, Moravians, Old Catholic, Presbyterian, Reformed, and South Indian United Communions. The continuation committee is arranging in behalf of these for the calling of a world conference of all Christian churches to consider questions of faith and order, as the next step toward Christian unity.

## YELLOW JOURNALISM DECRIED BY EDITOR

Willis J. Abbott of Christian Science Monitor Deplores Sensational Tendency Makes Predictions

"News is news until it is read." This dictum was handed down by Willis J. Abbott of Boston, editor of The Christian Science Monitor, in an address last week before the Medill School of Journalism in the Northwestern University building. Mr. Abbott spoke of the belief among editors that correspondence coming by mail has lost its value.

"I think that the American press has suffered greatly by this inclination to substitute the necessarily brief and often scrappy cable letter for the carefully matured article," he said.

**Start Crime Wave**  
Discussing the argument that the exploitation of criminal news accomplishes a positive social service Mr. Abbott declared that it has been demonstrated that the systematic publishing of a series of criminal stories by the newspapers in a city invariably leads to an increase of crimes of precisely the sort that are described. "A group of newspaper men in any city can start a crime wave by declaring one exists and usually can end one by forgetting all about it," he commented. "Any physician will tell you that a similar pursuit of 'health news' will extend into a dangerous epidemic a few sporadic cases which are thought to be rapidly communicable."

**Deplores Sensationalism**  
Mr. Abbott deplored the tendency towards sensationalism in present-day journalism. He declared that the young journalist just entering upon his professional career should not accept the example of the so-called great dailies of today as indicative of what the newspaper of the future is going to be.

"Certainly a tendency toward more dignity and restraint will have to be developed and cultivated if newspaper editors wish to recover that public influence which it universally is admitted they now have lost," he asserted, "if we are to recover the voice of authority with which the successful editor of twenty-five years ago often spoke." While he said he would not advocate the control of news columns by advertisers he would welcome any influence brought to bear to make newspaper columns cleaner and more acceptable to clean-minded readers than they are today—whether that influence emanated from an agency, from a school of journalism or from a church.

**Makes Prediction**  
"I think the time is at hand," he said, "when there will be in the mind of the educated journalist, such as a school of journalism should produce, a sharp demarcation between the varying types of journalism and another distinction drawn between a circulation obtained by the legitimate methods of printing proper news, features and opinion, and circulation obtained by the devices of the charlatan, the sensationalist, or catch-penny gift distributions."

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