

NEW RELIGIOUS CULT CONVULSES A COLLEGE

Buchmanism is the name of the latest American religious cult and it is causing a good deal of trouble in some of the universities, particularly in Princeton. Indeed, if we may accept the judgment of Elmer Davis, who has contributed an article to the New York Herald-Tribune on the subject, "Hell Pops at Princeton," and all because of the peculiar religious ideas of Mr. Buchman. Feeling against him and his ideas is so strong that President Hibben forbade him to go upon the campus, and his influence has made a wreck out of the Philadelphia Society which is the equivalent of the Y.M.C.A. at the university. It is believed also that Frank N. D. Buchman, who calls himself a "soul surgeon," is responsible for the anti-religious revolution which is a marked feature of college life in the New Jersey town. His theories are, in fact, a bit thick. Nobody doubts the sincerity of the man, and his many admirers who consider him one of the notable religious teachers of the generation. But there seems little more doubt that his ideas are generally offensive and with the majority will do more harm than good.

What Buchmanism Is.

What, then, are these ideas? They might be described briefly as a concoction of evangelical fervor and psychoanalysis, with a strong infusion of sex. According to the man's followers, what he teaches is a "mystical conviction of Divine guidance, a sense of complete surrender to the will of God which makes a new and better man." The personal story of a recent convert sent to Mr. Davis, tells how Buchmanism has not only enabled him to find God, but to meet the Queen of Roumania and make a better impression on customers. It seems almost to be a specific against halitosis, as well as infidelity, and as good as a correspondence course to teach a man how to refer with impressive familiarity to well-known books and lead the conversation in any direction the addressee chooses. The Buchmanites are prone to think that they are 100 per cent religious, that they have experiences that the average believer is a stranger to. This makes them humpious, and personally distasteful to their fellows because they have already provided their fellows with sound evidence for believing that the Buchmanites were originally a good deal worse rather than better than the average college student, who leads a clean life for the sake of some inner ideal.

They Urge Confessions

Mr. Davis writes: "The Buchmanites are said to be addicted to public confession of private sins, the more private the better; sexual sins are preferred. And their critics say that when confession is slow in coming they like to stimulate it by accusation. Also, they are accused of passing the news around; a convicted sinner, who has confessed to some personal evangelist wrestling powerfully for the salvation of the soul is apt to find out, out hears, that the story of his misdoings has been passed on to others of the cult for their spiritual edification. Of recent years, college evangelists in general have promoted discussion groups among students, which, whatever their intention, are likely to be in effect a method for assembling a group of men to talk snuff for a godly purpose. Critics of Buchmanism, who do not deny its godly purpose, say that this tendency is intensified among its disciples; and a good many people doubt whether the psychological effect of this exchange of confessions is all that might be desired by those who aspire to the higher life.

Feared a Riot

The specific reason why Principal Hibben would not permit Mr. Buchman to operate on the Princeton campus was because he feared physical violence. He knew that while there are many impressionable college students who are likely to have their emotions stirred by appeals to get right with God by hating their inner foulness to the confessor, the emotions of some of them would be stirred in the direction of making a pass at the exhorter. Several years ago Mr. Buchman visited Princeton and is credited with making a good impression on many students and particularly upon the more evangelical in the Philadelphia society, while he made an equally bad one on the professors, who were more hard-boiled. In 1924 some of the students came to the conclusion that there was something very wrong with the Philadelphia Society, whose secretary then was Rev. Samuel Shoemaker, an apostle of Buchmanism. They were about to make public accusations and an ugly row when the university authorities heard of what was pending and turned the public criticism into a more or less private meeting where the matter was frankly discussed. Mr. Buchman was given an opportunity to reply to the criticisms leveled against him and his work, but he failed to convince and then was told that for him the campus was out of bounds. Rev. Shoemaker shortly afterward resigned and is now the rector of a New York church.

Cripples' Society

But Buchmanism, though not so bold as it had been, was by no means extirpated, and remained a treasured cult and high mystery in the

Philadelphia society. In October occurred the latest incident to drag it into light. The society appealed for \$25,000 for the year's work, mainly evangelical. About the same time there appeared in two magazines, "Time" and "The Churchman", criticisms of a Buchmanite revival at Waterbury, Conn., in the course of which copious references were made to Buchman's evil influence at Princeton. It is suspected that this gave many students, naturally reluctant to part with their money, an excuse for refusing to hear the society's appeal. An open forum meeting was called to discuss the matter with the result that by a vote of 300 to 14 it expressed disapproval of Buchmanism, while by a smaller but still impressive majority it declared that there was too much of this cult in the Philadelphia society. As a consequence of the meeting a committee was formed to make a more thorough examination of the whole affair. The findings have not been made public, but are looked forward to with a good deal of interest, not to say excitement.

MOTOR LICENSES DOWN FOR 1927

Order-in-Council Will Take \$5 From Fee, Fulfillment of Election Statement By Premier Ferguson.

Every automobile owner in Ontario, the owner of the humbler rattle, the palatial limousine upholstered in pink plush, the fly-by-night roadster, and the commercial truck, will be \$5 in pocket this winter, when the reduction of license fees promised by Hon. Howard Ferguson in his pre-election speeches comes into effect. Announcement was made at Toronto Friday that a special order-in-council will be obtained in order that this saving in the cost of automobiling may become a fact with the new year. License fees are due here on January 1. Before that the order-in-council will be law, and the license fee will be reduced by \$5.

Feared Delay

When Premier Ferguson announced this reduction in the early days of his election tour, motorists hailed the reduction with joy. When the result of the election placed the Conservative chief in power, their only regret was that owing to the House not meeting until February, the reduction could not be effective until the January of 1928. When the fee for the brand new license plate has to be met, in a few weeks, five dollars will be docked from the license collector, and there will be that much extra for the motorist to spend in Christmas cheer, in something more for the children, or possibly in a little extra pocket money for the good man himself. So that's the first of the new blessings to fall like manna of old from the new administration at Toronto. It has come hard on the heels of the election, and motorists who, though approving the idea, feared that it could not possibly happen this winter, are congratulating Premier Ferguson on the promptness with which he has implemented one of his relief steps and affected a real reduction in the cost of living and driving in Ontario.

Calderwood

(Our Own Correspondent) By all appearances winter has come to stay. The cars are still running.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Henry, Mount Forest, spent Sunday afternoon at Frank Henry's.

Several more of the youth of our lines have contracted the measles.

Mr. Buller, Holstein, bought considerable timber last week from Messrs. John Leiboldt and Oliver Henry.

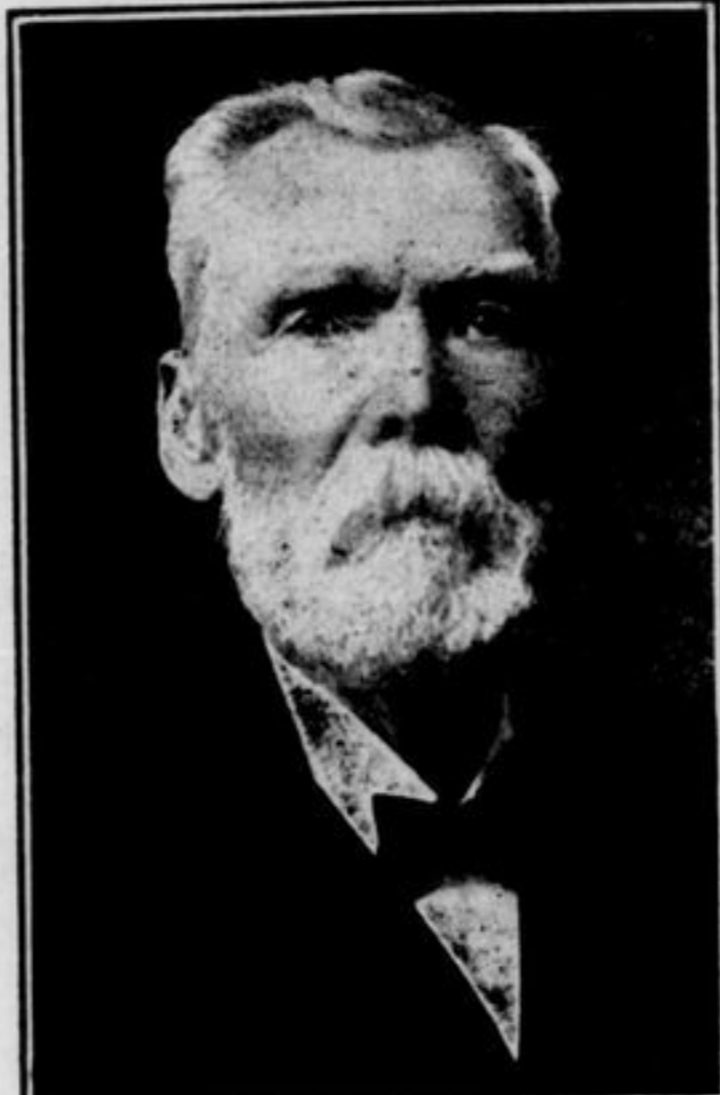
We were sorry to hear that Mrs. Nelson Carmount is indisposed. We hope she will soon be better.

Mr. George Ammerman was busy last week for several days putting in a culvert. This should improve the road greatly.

CHARLES COSENS OF TROWBRIDGE TOUCHES 90 MARK

Often Referred To As Grand Old Man of Trowbridge, Methodism, Engaged In Many Activities of Village and Retired at Age of 84

Charles Cosens, one of the oldest men in Western Ontario, celebrated the 90th anniversary of his birthday at the United Church parsonage at Wheatley on November 25. He was born in the Township of Waterloo, on November 26, 1836. His father's name was Charles Cosens also, and his mother's maiden name was Annie Miller, both of whom came from Dorset, England. He was the third of a family of 16 children, nine boys and seven girls, of whom five are yet living. After helping his father clear a large timbered farm, he learned the cabinet making at Washington Village and when 27 years of age he moved to the Queen's Bush, in the Township of Elma, County of Perth. There he grew up where he settled a little village, at first called Eldorado, but later known as



CHARLES COSENS

Trowbridge, five miles west of Listowel, one of the finest towns in Western Ontario, but at that time having only a few houses with a little post office called Mapleton. Mr. Cosens for several years followed his trade as cabinetmaker, undertaker and carpenter and later branched into storekeeping. He continued in Trowbridge as general merchant and postmaster until 1920, a period of 63 years.

Retires in 84th Year

Retiring from business at the age of 84 he spent the greater part of two years at Ottawa with his son, Rev. T. Wesley Cosens, who was then pastor of Eastern Methodist Church in the capital city. He then spent a couple of years in Durham with his daughters, Mrs. Hugh McCrae and Mrs. Milo Knechtel. Since that time he has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. A. C. Tiffin, formerly of Blyth, but now of Wheatley.

The name of Charles Cosens has been associated with most worthy enterprises in Trowbridge and vicinity from the time of early pioneer days. He was a good musician and singer and for many years taught old-fashioned singing schools. He was prominent in church work from the days of the log school-house and camp meeting. Before the days of organs, he was precentor and later choir leader, trustee and recording steward for a great many years and a Sunday school superintendent for over half a century, and all of this in the same church, Trowbridge Methodist Church.

Acted as Magistrate

For about the same time he was the village postmaster, magistrate and issuer of marriage licenses, enjoying the confidence of the people in a marked degree. He was frequently spoken of as the "grand old man of Trowbridge Methodism." In early manhood he married Miss

Elizabeth Mann, of Elma Township, who died 18 years ago and was buried on the 72nd anniversary of her husband's birthday. They had a family of five girls except one daughter, Jennie, who died in 1920. They are all proud of their father. The following enjoyed in the birthday celebration, Rev. A. C. Tiffin, and Miss Emma A. Cosens, all of Wheatley; Rev. T. Wesley Cosens and Mrs. Cosens, of Lynden United Church; Mrs. Hugh McCrae, of Durham; Rev. C. W. De Witt Cosens, M. A., B.D., pastor of Springfield United Church, and his daughter, Kathleen.

Mr. Cosens is wonderfully preserved in health. He can still read easily and goes regularly to church twice every Sunday and to prayer meeting on Wednesday, a lifelong habit. He can be seen every day on the streets of Wheatley, taking his constitutional.

In writing of him when leaving Trowbridge a friend said:

"Through all these years he has been blessed with the admirable grace of keeping sweet and seldom, if ever, has been known to find fault. He often speaks the word of cheer and encouragement to those about him."

He still enjoys life as cheerful and happy and hopes to round out the century.

Salesman: "Here is something I should like to show you, madam, it is the very latest thing out."

The Lady: "Well, if there's anything out later than my husband, I'll take it, if only for a curiosity."

A long beach woman took her first plunge into matrimony recently at the age of 75. Doubtless she bobbed her hair and felt as young as the rest of 'em.—Leithbridge Herald.

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Some of the men in town have been letting their hair grow so they won't be mistaken for their wives.—Stratford Beacon-Herald. Read the Classified Ads. on Page 7.

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Tuberculosis Not Heredit

Previous to the discovery of the tubercle bacillus the disease was regarded as hereditary. Now it is known that there is nothing inheritable about it. The reason more prone to the disease is that they inherit a tendency to be not as rugged as the rest of healthy parents. They are an infected environment. A mother can give her child that has active tubercle bacilli. But both occurrences are extremely rare that they are worth consideration. The tuberculous mother may contain toxins of tubercle bacilli, which ingestion produces fever in the child, thus making him susceptible to the disease. A mother should never be infected, not alone for the sake, but for her own, as certainly grow worse because the depletion she suffers as a result of milk production.

Resistance to Tubercu

The germ of tuberculosis enters the body by being coughed or swallowed. And since the bacteria are present in all every community of tubercle bacilli practically all of us are harboring them. Those who are healthy are something in the way that holds the germs, also the human race would have become extinct. So far as immunity there probably is none in the sense that measles is a cough center. The best of tuberculosis is a broad of the tonsils, teeth, bronchial tubes, together

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HEALTH

Questions and Answer

Mrs. J. B. H. writes:

(1) Woman, aged 50, has costal neuralgia. Could you a permanent cure for it? The right side is sore, teeth are used. Patient feels well in other ways, she developed pain in especially right arm, they would pain worse at the sole of the foot. Knee bed with liniment and hot water. Pain would a couple of weeks and turn. What could be the could you suggest help?

(2) Man, aged 55, has sound in knees heard when or down stairs. They are full. Could you suggest? Would electrical treatment?

(3) Sister has ringing her left ear for two years. It is present in specialist. Nothing but doctor stated it might be blood pressure but

CRISP COMMENT

Nowadays a strict father a daughter to be home fast in the morning.—H

To blame simple inform everybody knows is to you have just discovered couver Sun.

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