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REV. DR. MILLIGAN RECEDES FROM OLD POSITION.

And Comes Out in Favor of Organic Union of the Churches—First of Series of Articles Stating His Position.

Rev. G. M. Milligan, D.D., formerly of old St. Andrew's church, Toronto, some time vigorously opposed organic church union. He has now turned in favor of union, and is setting forth his views in a number of articles in the Toronto Globe, which will be read with interest here, particularly because Dr. Milligan is a native of Kingston and an old Queen's man. The following is his first article:

The general assembly in St. John, New Brunswick, in 1904, appointed a committee to confer with other committees from the Methodist and Congregational churches regarding the feasibility of organic union between these three churches and to draw up a plan of union looking towards such feasibility. This is the point we are at now, which seems forgotten by so many.

Organic union is the only matter at present before the churches. As regards the intrusion of federal union at this time, it might be expected that men who are presumed to have faith in constitutional processes would wait till the proper time for taking up other issues. It might be well to remember that our Congregational friends know better than any others what mere federal advisory connections mean, and yet they are disposed towards this organic union.

An organism is an arrangement or medium devised for the accomplishment of a certain end. Its place, to be legitimate, must be kept subordinate to and promotive to that end. To live for it equally as for the work it was devised to accomplish is certain to lead to false views of duty. The man who puts his party in the place of principle turns peace into war by seeking to promote his own interests at the expense of the good of others. The reason is that his organic activity is based upon a wrong principle. His organism is a weapon to gratify his selfishness, and not to defend and spread the right. Whenever organic activity aims at any other than an essentially righteous end it results in harm to all concerned, whether it be political, commercial, or ecclesiastical. The chief end, it may be said, of all organic activity, is to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God. To act thus is the one spirit men are called upon to exercise in diversity of manifestation in various conditions and ages. To fail to exhibit this varying adaptation in dealing with organisms, when they can most efficiently realize their end, is to mistake non-essentials for essentials, and to live for forms rather than principles.

It was this error that incurred the condemnation of our Lord in the days of His flesh. Religious leaders lived then for the external rather than the internal, for the formal rather than the spiritual. They strained at a gnat and swallowed a camel, putting ritual in the place where duty demanded the truly holy and ethical. The Scribes and the Pharisees sat in Moses' seat and bound heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and laid them on men's shoulders, but they themselves would not move them with one of their fingers. Their works they did to be seen of men. They made broad their phylacteries and enlarged the borders of their garments. They loved the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets, and to be called of men "Rabbi," "Rabbi." Religion in such hands became a round of frivolous performances, such as tithing in anise, mint and cummin. They put the organism of religion and its superstitious observances in the place of Christ and high religious and moral living. If history teaches one unmistakable lesson, it is that the result is disastrous unless men guard against the usurpation of the spiritual by the organic. It becomes the duty of all men in church and state to embrace the opportunity, whenever it presents itself, to set forth in the best way what is true in the organic activity of politics and religion. Especially is this true regarding us as churchmen in this early stage of our nationhood, when we are freer than some others from cramping antecedents, and when we should exercise the largest adaptations possible and become all things to all men; not to proselytize, but to save the millions seeking homes within our borders. Time and again have men forgotten to distinguish between believing in Christ and believing in a church, and by so doing have broken not only the holy laws of God but even those which nature teaches that men violate at their peril. It follows that the Kingdom of heaven does not come with observation. Any marking off of men as pleasing to God on account of any external connections is sectarian, and not spiritual.

Spirituality of mind and efficiency of service demand diversity of manifestation in organic appliances by the Church of Christ. It is a thousand pities at this great national crisis and responsibility in things religious if men give themselves to emphasizing the importance of perpetuating matters as they were in the past. Past conditions need not be less dear to us than they were, and yet not less may the old order well give place to the new because of new circumstances calling to new forms of duty. Many things in the past rendered great service which can prove, in another form of greater advantage in the future.

Church arrangements, as they at present exist among us, are far from satisfactory. This is specially so when we consider the problems presenting themselves for our solution.

How do the various denominations, sincerely desiring to spread the reign of Christ in our land without at the same time defying any form of church appointment, stand as regards organization? What is their special organic principle? Is it of primary or subordinate importance?

The primary matter upon which all agree is Jesus Christ and Him crucified. What are the divisive elements added to these? With one organization, appointment to the ministry in one form and in the name of Divine right has been made the organic centre, and with another the mode of administering the ordinance of baptism. The Methodists and Presbyterians, more so years ago than now, stood apart from each other on the questions of Divine sovereignty and free agency. Congregationalists believe in the autonomy of individual congregations; Presbyterians in that of groups thereof. Surely, in face of the needs of the country, to say no more, better things than these might be shown us in this matter. Why not eliminate secondary interests from the organic centre of ecclesiastical organization? The result would be great good in many ways. Some of us can remember when groups of people organized around the reading of the line in the service of praise. History shows that people made the centre of separate organization the keeping of Easter. People who separated at one time came together again when the lapse of years clarified their minds and made more charitable their judgment, enabling them to discriminate better between things essential and non-essential.

These things should carry lessons to us who are familiar with various usages in religions, means which are dear to people truly devoted to all that is vital in what pertains to man's relation to God. These usages should make it easier for us to change our methods of work when more effective ways of doing it offer themselves than for those living in old lands. Than such we should display a greater readiness to adopt organic changes more fitted in our circumstances to do better work than those we have now in use.

CARRIE WEBBER,
In "The Joy Rider," at the Grand on Tuesday, April 11th.

The People are at Fault.

Montreal Witness.

Democracy has apparently not been a success this time in Chicago, though the democrats carried their man. Carter Harrison, who, with his father of the same name, has been mayor of Chicago a great deal, had a lot of ward bosses and the Hearst crowd working for him mightily. Against him was the most unexceptionable candidate that could have offered, Prof. Merriam, of Chicago University, a man who has given his life not only to the study but to the practice of political science, having been most active in the best public life of Chicago. Prof. Merriam had the support of all those who have, like the members of our own citizens' association, given themselves unremittingly to the betterment of the great city. He would have been elected if the people of the silk stocking wards had turned out to vote, but it was a bad day, and your well dressed citizen does not like to mingle with the low caste voter at the polls. So Prof. Merriam has been defeated, not so much by opposition as by the civic indifference of those who should most of all have had the interests of the city at heart, but who preferred to leave its government to the ward politicians.

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The Tidings From Various Points in Eastern Ontario—What People Are Doing and What They are Saying.

At Sharbot Lake.

Sharbot Lake, April 7.—Mr. Bertram has moved into the house which he purchased of Herbert Smith. T. B. Campbell is seriously ill. Archibald Erwin has returned home from Havelock, where he went through an operation for appendicitis. Misses Jennie and Annie Allen, nurse, have gone back to the hospital, after spending a few days with their mother, who was ill. J. Carey has recovered from the measles. T. H. Allen spent last Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Campbell, Verona, at T. B. Campbell's. W. L. Bauker has moved on to the Judge place. Miss Edna Meighen made a visit to Perth.

At Bicknell's Corner.

Bicknell's Corners, April 8.—The cheese factories have started again. Percy Scott and A. Dickson loaded a carload of potatoes which seem to be in a great demand and the price is going up. Miss Edna Amey spent a week at Morven visiting at Mr. Smith's and Mr. Jardiner's. Mrs. J. Yeomans and daughter, Bernice, are visiting her father, Joseph Amey. James O'Meara made a business trip to Odessa. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Simmons entertained some of their friends on Tuesday evening. A pleasant evening was spent at the home of Alva Boulter, when a large crowd gathered from the surrounding neighborhood.

Township of Pittsburg.

April 3.—Council met at 11 a.m. All members present. Minutes of last meetings confirmed. Communication from J. L. Whiting, notifying council that Judge Price has reserved Monday, April 17th, at his chambers, court house, at ten o'clock, to apportion the benefits (if any) between the townships interested in the purchase and freeing of tolls on the Kingston, Storrington, etc., Road. Accounts passed: Chester Cowan, work, team and five men, half day, $4.10; James Esford, caretaker, $6.50; D. Carpenter, drawing tile, $2; E. Acton, work, $1.50; county of Frontenac, keep of poor, $124.57; Whig, advertising, $14.70; clerk, account, salary, $34; J. Duffy, work, $3; P. Gough, charity, $5; the treasurer, $2 for current expenses. By-laws confirming the appointment of poundkeepers, fenceviewers, valuators of sheep and collector passed. The council unanimously passed the following resolution: "That we are convinced that free trade in natural products between Canada and the United States will be to the economic advantages of both peoples, and that the council is unanimously in favor of the reciprocity agreement now before the House of Commons." Adjourned until May 6th, at 2 p.m.

Lansdowne Locals.

Lansdowne, April 7.—On Monday, April 3rd, the bishop of the diocese confirmed seven candidates in St. John's church. Rev. Mr. Serson, of Gananoque, and the rector, Mr. Lesch, were present. Mrs. William McConnell and Mrs. J. H. Warren returned on Tuesday from Toledo, where they spent a short time with Mr. and Mrs. Bert. Wood. Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Mooney and daughters returned on Sunday from a three months' visit in England. Louis Moore and son, Donald, left, on Tuesday, for Regina, to spend the summer, and probably to locate there if satisfactory, when Mr. Moore will remove his family there. William Foley, who has been dangerously ill at the home of William Earl, is recovering nicely. Miss Nunn is in Guelph at her brother's, Harry Nunn's. Mr. and Mrs. James A. Peck are rejoicing over the birth of a son. S. C. E. Dixon was in Brockville on Monday. E. R. Bradley has sold his stock of boots and shoes to Mooney & Phillips. James Lynch, who removed to the farm in Escott, recently, has moved back to the village. Mrs. R. F. Hungerford entertained a number of friends on Tuesday evening. Miss Sheldon, Gananoque, spent a few days with friends here recently. A little daughter has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Warren.

Travelling Masonic Bible.

In the fall of 1909 Masons of Chicago started a Bible on a long journey. It is to be kept for a time in the possession of at least one lodge in every principal city of the country and ultimately returned to its starting point to be placed among the precious archives of the Chicago Masons.

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Canada's Great Asset.

Montreal Star.

Canada was able, last year, to spend twenty-four millions on the construction of the Transcontinental with an addition of only four millions to the national debt. How different that condition is from the one in which Sir John Macdonald found himself when constructing the Canadian Pacific it is easy for anyone to see. If Sir John could have wrought under such conditions, it would not have been necessary to give away lands equal in extent to a goodly empire in order to get the railways going. One of these days the Transcontinental line will be completed, and the country will have on hand an asset worth 100 millions or so more than the debt addition its construction occasioned. And meantime a new world will have been opened to the hand of man up there in the north.

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