

Books And Their Authors

ARMAGEDDON.

By Rev. Dr. George C. Workman, M. A., Ph.D. 68 Pages. Price, 2s. William Briggs, Toronto, Publisher.

This little volume, says the author, is a monograph that presents an entirely new treatment of a very old subject. Armageddon is generally regarded as a mighty upheaval, whereas in the Christian Scripture it is a moral struggle as ancient as man and as universal as sin. The writer, who is a distinguished Toronto divine, does not regard the present conflict as Armageddon, because he views it as only one form of the struggle that is going on somewhere all the time. We need not fear with respect to the issue, as the great Disposer of events will honor His perfect law of progress and advancement. To add a line from Tennyson's "Maud," we did not make the world, but He that made it will guide. The powers that make for iniquity are finite and vincible, but the Power that makes for righteousness is infinite and invincible. That is our ground of confidence for the future of the world.

How is the world to be made better? To quote: "Hindrances to progress in the past have been of three sorts: religious, social and racial. Religious bigotry, social supremacy and racial superiority more than any other three things have kept the movement from going forward as it should. The obstructions must be cleared away. In the first place, the churches should get together. The Church of Christ has never more seriously sundered than it is to-day. They should learn to regard union as better than faction, to reverence truth rather than tradition, and to love Christ and His cause more than self and sect. In the second place, the people should get together. We should have neither classes or masses, but free and enlightened citizens, who will choose their own rulers and say how they will be ruled. In the third place, the nations should get together. With proper respect for character and culture, people of every race and class should meet and mingle on friendly terms, for all men have a common origin, and in that regard humanity is one."

Thus to end the struggle of good and evil we must co-ordinate religious and social and racial effort for the solution of moral problems and the diffusion of sound principles. The process will be evolutionary—an ever widening of the bounds of freedom, justice and equality. But in the future, we are warned, we must make more of men and methods, and less of munitions and machines. The war's contribution to progress is carefully discussed. To begin with the most material one, there will be a compensation in the form of economy—the conserving of resources and the avoiding of waste and loss. Britain will be richer relatively to herself, because after the Allies have crushed militarism they will begin to lesson armaments. Then she can save on a large scale. There will also be a great moral gain, for the stress and strain of the struggle will develop a disposition to save and spare. Studying the necessity of husbanding their resources, all classes will begin to practice economy in a more judicious expenditure of money and a more simple manner of life. After a while they will perceive that what is good for war-time should be good for peace-time, and that what is good for such times will be good for all time.

Again, the present war is the greatest temperance campaign that was ever known, as witness the curtailment of the liquor sale in practically all belligerent countries, and a very important benefit of the war is that everything connected with it is making for democracy. The conflict has intensified a discontent that may be called divine, for the movement toward democracy is divine. The war is also developing a sympathy and attachment akin to fraternal affection. The nations are being brought closer together in the bond of brotherliness.

This struggle shows, as no other has, the folly of war. It shows, as no other has, the futility of war. Further, it shows the needlessness of war. Another compensation that will eventuate from the struggle is prosperity, i.e., successful progress in that which is right and good, not merely in that which is right and desirable. Thus this world-shaking catastrophe, which had to come because of the accumulated evils of centuries, is exerting a world-wide influence and producing world-long results. It has done a work for humanity that was not possible of attainment by any other means.

accomplishment in so short a period by any other means. Though it has caused incalculable loss, indescribable misery and untold suffering, though it has been marked by demoralizing and inhuman atrocities, in spite of incredibly havoc and waste it will prove an advantage rather than a calamity in the end, for it has set in operation moral forces that will lead to world-wide prosperity and win eventual victory for mankind.

This lengthy, but somewhat disconnected synopsis of the main points in this admirable, thoughtful treatise on the world-movement does not do the justice it deserves, because space would not permit the elucidation of the arguments advanced by the author in support of his conclusions. It is a well-reasoned analysis, that will give one much food for thought.

ECLIPSE OR EMPIRE?

By H. B. Gray and Samuel Turner. 316 Pages. Price, \$1.00. William Briggs, Toronto, Publisher.

"Forty years ago Great Britain was still the workshop of the world. To-day she is not."

The above is the opening sentence of this thought-compelling book. The authors have succeeded in telling us why she is not, and in setting out some reforms that must be accomplished if final eclipse is not to be the fate of the Empire. The Englishman, we are shown, has because of his conservatism and insularity, lost his markets to the Germans and others and has fallen in the amount of his output. Trade unionism has restricted output, and the nation has not taken advantage of modern appliances. We are shown that during the last twenty to forty years most of the inventions, new ideas and developments have been given to the world by countries other than our own; furthermore, that their value has been more quickly appreciated and put to practical use in foreign lands. England's educational system, or want of system, is the root cause. It is disgusting to learn that the production per capita in the United States is from 40 to 300 per cent. greater than in England. The authors point out the need of a special and valuable feature of the book is the Glossary, containing a series of contributions from the leading minds in almost every department of commerce, and presenting a body of information which cannot be found in any other work. To the student of political economy, to the statesman and to every business man, this book should have a strong appeal. Will the Empire rise to the necessity of the hour, or will it ultimately reach eclipse? This is a vital question, demanding the attention of every Briton, overseas as well as at home. To awake the sons of the Empire has been the object of the authors.

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asked the British government that "an independent observer" should be sent to visit their armies and make a report. Conan Doyle was chosen for the task. The result makes interesting reading, all the more so as he contrasts the efforts of Italy with those of her western Allies. It is a sympathetic and very hopeful story he tells, and at times he becomes most enthusiastic when describing the great efforts being made to overcome the common enemy.

Lines From New Books.

"Patrick," she said in a hoarse, quivering whisper. "remember always that whatever you get out of life you've got to pay for some time or other. It may be worth it or it may not, but it's all the same in the end. You've got to pay."—Hilda M. Sharp, in "The Stars in Their Courses."

In the hour of danger a man's proven: the boaster hides the egoist trembles; only he whose care is for honor and for others forgets to be afraid. It is blessed to give: blessed is he whom it is said that he so loved giving that he was glad to give his life. Death is a great teacher: from him men learn what are the things they really value. Men live for eating and drinking, for lust and for wealth; they die for honor and for friendship. True religion is betting one's life that there is a God. In the hour of danger all good men are believers: they choose the spiritual, and reject the material. The death of a hero convinces all of eternal life; they are unable to call it a tragedy.—Donald Hankey, in "A Student in Arms."

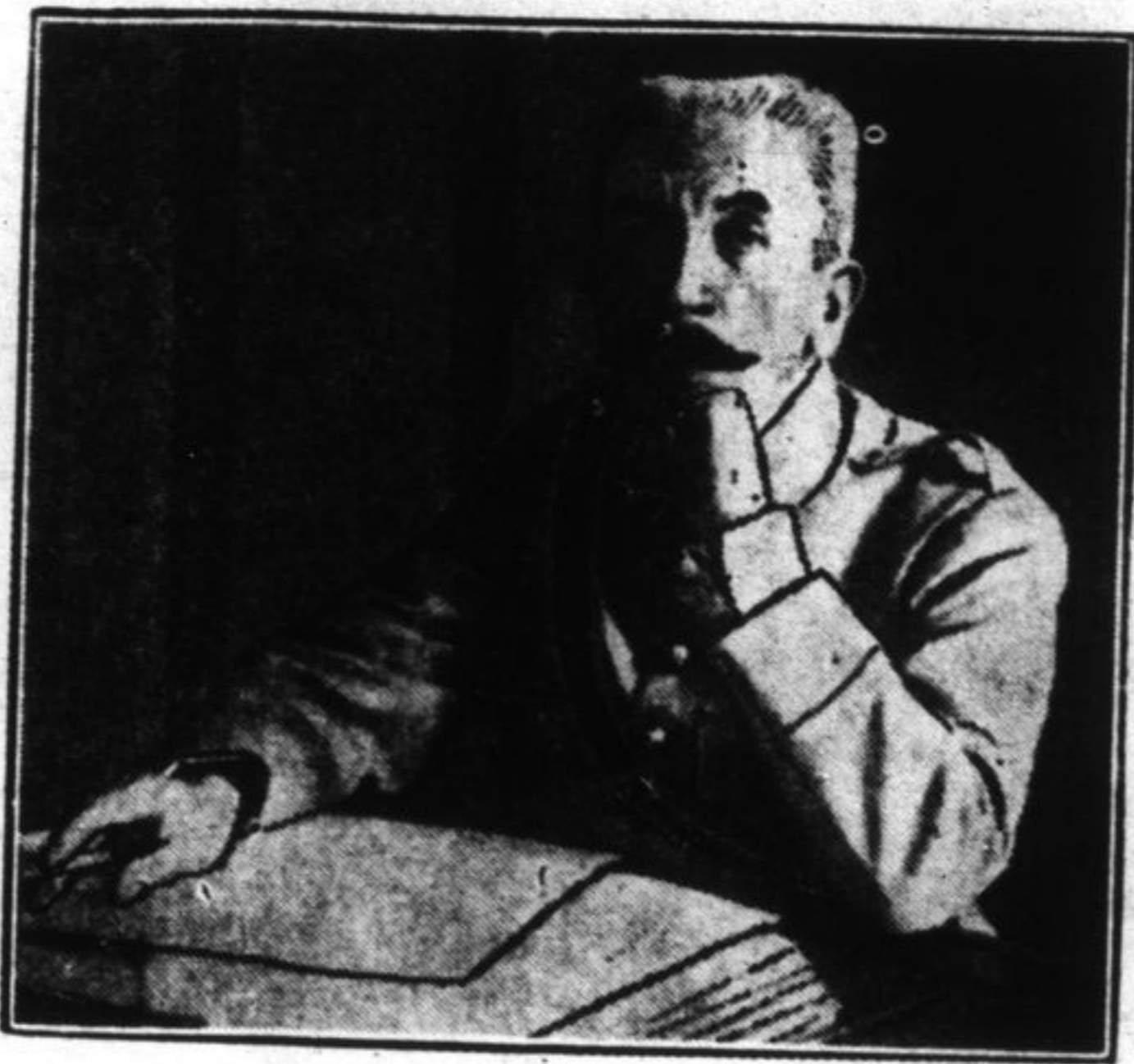
The Church of Christ was never more seriously sundered than it is to-day, and new sects are being formed continuously. It is opposition to organic union many seem to be more concerned for historic names than for human souls. That is to say, they appear to care more for John Calvin, or John Knox, or John Wesley, than for Jesus Christ. The reports published in the Atlantic of extreme anti-unionists, suggest, at all events, that they think more of self and sect than of Christ and truth. One would expect them to perceive that Christianity is not an institution, but a spirit—a spirit of service, and that religion is not a creed but a life—a life related to God and devoted to His will.—Prof. G. C. Workman, in "Armageddon."

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GENERAL LYAUTEY French general whose name has been prominent in the recent operations of the French army, which is pushing back the Germans.

other books are "Estabelle," "A Day's Song," "Phil & Filippa," all written by Wm. Briggs, Toronto.

A full biography of this writer's connection with Kingston appeared on the Whig Book Review page of Dec. 20th, 1913. His mother, from whom he inherited his sense of humor, was Elizabeth Ferris, of Kingston. His grandmother, who was born Ryder, was of an old U. E. Loyalist family which came from Water-town, N.Y., to Kingston, his great-grandfather being a Crown surveyor of Frontenac county and being given well known Crown grants in this section, including the land Ceta-raqui cemetery now occupies. His grandmother, till her death a few years ago, lived for over 80 years of her life at Kingston and Sydenham. In an editorial on April 13, 1917, the Montreal "Times," writes that this author credited as being the first publicist, who at the beginning of the war urged the United States to lend to Britain and Canada billions instead of millions, and these articles of his have had much influence in the American money market. In the Montreal "Times" Annual for 1917 this author also comes out, urging that Japan's army of over a million be brought into the war at once, to maintain Russia as a combatant, and to save the lives of Canadian, British and French boys; in other words, that Japan, which will enjoy the economical fruits of victory, should spend some of the blood cost as well as the white nations. Stephen Fishon, France's ex-foreign minister, and John Stuart Thomson, are the two leading publicists who recommend Japan being brought in, and the Mayor of Tokio has come out in agreement.

Mr. Thomson's poem to his mother, who died when she was only 27 years old, appears on page 75 of his book, "Estabelle," and is particularly praised by the Boston Transcript.

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A Frontenac Club critic remarks that Kingston policemen are delegated to carry a coffin at public funerals they would wear their police uniform and not be made to appear merely as huskies. Milk sold in the measure is certainly not clean that that put up in bottles, the Lammpan contended. Just imagine the condition of a quart measure after coming in contact all day with hands holding the sweet-savored reins. If the military authorities cannot secure recruits hereabouts, let them join the Greater Production scheme. Let Barrieffield camp ground be made many people."

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