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TWO CLERGYMEN STATE VIEWS REGARDING THE KU KLUX KLAN

Rev. E. H. Burgess of Zion Church Defends the Organization — Rev. T. J. S. Ferguson of Cooke's Church Makes Some Criticisms.

In Zion church on Sunday evening Rev. Edwin H. Burgess preached a sermon to the local members of the Ku Klux Klan. After reading the 12th chapter of the Epistle to the Romans the preacher said in part:

"In judging the principles of a society one must not be unduly influenced by current derogatory reports nor by unworthy conduct on the part of some members of that society." He told how in Scotland horrible stories were once circulated and believed by outsiders regarding the work done in Masonic lodges, and of the bitter feeling that once existed against the order in the State of New York, on account of certain things said to be in the Masonic oath, and the murder of a Mason by brother Masons because he had attempted to reveal the secrets of the order. Yet Masonry itself is a grand society. To be a true Mason one must be a true man, a true religious man.

He next spoke of the horrible slander that were circulated against the early Christians that in their assemblies they practiced abominable vices, that they slaughtered infants, ate human flesh and worshipped the head of an ass. Yet notwithstanding these gross slanders, and all the corruptions and hypocrisy and have been associated with the church, we all know that its real principles as set forth by Christ and His apostles would, if lived up-to, turn this sin-cursed earth into a paradise.

"We see, therefore, that in judging the principles of a society one must not be unduly influenced by derogatory reports nor by unworthy conduct on the part of some of its members.

Attitude to Roman Catholics. "Now apply this principle to the Ku Klux Klan. Certain things have been said against it. It has even been accused of burning Roman Catholic churches and of encouraging the spirit of religious persecution. I am in a position to say that like the slanders that were uttered against the early Christians these accusations are absolutely false. I lately had in my possession an official copy of the oath of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Canada. "Every member swears to be loyal to the British Crown, to our constitution, to our flag, to our laws, and to aid the duly constituted officers of the law in the proper performance of their legal duties. Some members of the order have been accused of taking the law in their own hands. If this be true they violated their oath. If a member of the order should see persons trying to destroy a Roman Catholic place of worship he is bound under his oath to aid the regular officers of the law in protecting that place of worship. The Ku Klux Klan of Canada is opposed to the religious persecution of Roman Catholics or of any other religious body.

"Where then does it come in conflict with the Roman Catholic church? When, in the judgment of the Klan, that church oversteps the bounds in its political activities. The Ku Klux Klan has nothing against the individual Roman Catholic, nothing against the rights and privileges of the Roman Catholic church as a religious body. But Rome has long since laid claim to temporal supremacy."

Attitude to Foreigners. "What about the Klan's attitude to foreigners? It does not persecute them. It believes that foreigners amongst us should have the full benefit of our laws. Canada has excellent men and women of foreign birth and of foreign extraction. But very many foreigners are bringing in a lower standard of living and of morals. It is said that eighty-five per cent. of our crimes are committed by them. In bootlegging they are much in evidence. They are the promoters of communism and anarchy. They have their Sunday schools where children are taught to blaspheme God and to be disloyal to our country. Like the viper you take to your breast, such persons when you warm them to life sting you. We are being flooded by them. It is time that other societies joined with the K.K.K. in protesting to the Government against the easy admission of persons from Eastern, Central and Southern Europe. We should admit none but those whom we know will make first class citizens.

But my original purpose was to preach not so much about the Klan as to the Klan. I believe the society is good. Its principles are based on the 12th chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans. But it is one thing to belong to a good society, it is another thing to live up to its principles.

A Protestant Society. "The K.K.K. is a Protestant society. Its members should say themselves, 'Am I striving, day by day, to be what a Protestant ought to be, to live as a Protestant ought to live. Our Roman Catholic neighbors would like every Protestant in Canada to become Roman Catholic. You and I would like every Roman Catholic to become Protestant. But each Protestant should ask himself, heredit, what kind of an advertisement am I for Protestantism? Have I consecrated my life, my all, to the Lord Jesus Christ? Is it my great, longing desire to love the Lord my God with all my heart and soul and

strength and mind, and my neighbor as myself; not merely my Protestant neighbor but also my Roman Catholic neighbor? What advertisement am I for Protestantism if I do not stand by my church, support my church, attend its services and live up to its principles? What advertisement am I for Protestantism if I am dishonest in business and unprincipled in politics? Will I impress Roman Catholics with the beauty of our religion if, being an employer I refuse to give a fair day's wage for a fair day's work, or being a working man, I refuse to give a fair day's work for a fair day's wage.

"I am longing for the day when all these churches which acknowledge Jesus as Lord; Protestant, Roman Catholic, Greek Catholic, shall come together, and go forward side by side, in unity and in love, to fight the cause of our Lord and Master. But at present a great gulf separates us. Let us pray that that gulf may be removed. Wherever error keeps us apart let us pray that we may all have the light which the Holy Spirit alone can give. Let us pray earnestly that a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit may descend upon all churches, upon each individual in these churches, so that against all forms of sin a great, united, Spirit-filled Church shall go forth 'fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners.'"

WANT THINGS FREE AND OPEN.

View of Rev. T. J. S. Ferguson of Cooke's Church.

"We don't want to get into the realms of secrecy, we want things free and open," said Rev. T. J. S. Ferguson, preaching in Cooke's church on Sunday night on the subject of the Ku Klux Klan. "If I have wronged you," he continued, "you can bring me to trial before twelve of my peers. While there are flaws in our British courts they are being handled pretty fairly and if they are not we have the power to change them. We don't need secret guides."

In his opening remarks Rev. Mr. Ferguson pointed out that the greatest goal toward which to work was universal brotherhood: peace on earth, good will toward man. "I value every organization just in so far as it is working toward that goal," he said.

"Last October there appeared in our midst something new and startling," he said, "when a number of men dressed in a peculiar regalia paraded our streets and held a meeting in the city buildings. An address was given by the 'Imperial Klingle' and we heard of the 'Invisible Empire.' These were new words, and they set us thinking. "Then do you remember as reported in The Whig one of the speakers at the meeting held in the city buildings stated, 'we are also interested in politics. Watch us tomorrow night.' Then as time goes on we see a fiery cross being burned and this arouses our interest. We wonder where is this thing headed and what are its aims?"

Origin of Klan.

"I got all the literature I could on the matter and read it and found it very interesting. The Ku Klux Klan was started in the southern states following the civil war with the idea of terrifying the negro who had been newly emancipated and so keep him in his place. The aim was to have some power acting in the place of law to guard the rights of the white people. This lasted only a little while for while it was originally started by some excellent men it got beyond their control and became the rendezvous of bandits and others

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of a like character. Much harm was done so it was put away and in 1871-72 legislation against it was passed in the United States Congress. "In 1915 it again took head in the United States and played a large part in the last two presidential elections. Recently it has come into Canada, introduced by American organizers, but under the Union Jack it is something new and foreign to us. On the American side its avowed aims are to keep the white race as the supreme race; and to keep the Roman Catholic Church in its proper place. There it is supposed to appeal to the 100 per cent. American but in Canada it is supposed to appeal to the 100 per cent. Britisher and its aims are much the same.

Think Over It.

"In this country," said Mr. Ferguson, "the Jew is apparently getting more than he should get and there is a feeling that the Roman Catholic Church is working in a secret political way. Here is the problem: If the Roman Catholic Church is working in a secret way is this the best way to combat it? Is this the best way to promote good relations with the Jews? Is this the best way to promote patriotism? If I were contemplating joining this society I would go home and think about it for six months.

"Kant said, 'I have very grave doubts of anything being right that we can't allow everyone to do' and if we allow one society to parade in white robes and masks hasn't another equal right to parade in yellow and a third a right to parade in black and so on?"

Mr. Ferguson pointed out that a society in which the identity of its members was hidden was a bonanza to a type of men of questionable character. There might be many good men in it but a number of the other kind would also get in. As evidence of this he pointed to recent events in Dresden and Pictou where men were ill-treated by persons garbed in the same manner in which the Klan dresses. He also referred to the recent blackmail case in which a former organizer of the Klan was concerned.

Jews' Contribution.

With regard to keeping the Jew in his proper place he reminded his hearers that all that they had of inspiration toward God of the highest type came from the Jewish race. He wondered if the Gentiles had treated the Jews justly during the ages; if they made any attempt to know them better.

"The moment you get it into your head that you are a superman because you are white," he concluded, "you will become blinded and will be in danger. I have heard a Christian preaching in this city, explain the scriptures and I have felt him with his thousands of years of background, to be a superior man to me. If anyone says that I am superior to that Chinaman because I am white, I say it is a lie. God made the negro with his black just as much as he made the whitest man that lives."

PICTON

Pictou, April 17.—Colonel French, Mrs. French and children and Miss C. Porter motored to Kingston early in the week to visit friends.

Miss Mary Currie entertained delightfully at bridge at her home, Wexford, on Saturday afternoon. The beautiful home was fragrant with spring blooms. Honors were won by Mrs. Ernest Wright and Miss Marjorie Calnan. Mrs. William Rankin assisted in the serving of refreshments.

A. W. Dunkley has returned to his duties at Oakwood where he is on the staff of the Collegiate Institute, after holidaying with his sister, Miss Mary Dunkley.

Letters from Mrs. Crockett of the Royal True Blue and Orange Orphanage of Richmond Hill acknowledge the receipt of the children's egg contributed by the children of Pictou public school to the number of 1,381. She says "It's lovely of you to think of us still. We have more little ones now to care for and so need your help more than ever." Such an appeal might well meet with a response from other schools throughout the county.

Staff Captain Wright of Montreal, is expected up to conduct special services at the Salvation Army Citadel on Sunday, April 18th.

Charles Prior slipped on the icy pavement near his home, Queen street recently which resulted in a broken shoulder.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Collier have returned from a trip to Oshawa and Toronto.

Miss Winifred Pearce was a recent visitor in town with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Calnan.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stafford of Orono were recent guests of Mr. Stafford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Stafford.

FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF ORE CHIMNEY MINE

Is Likely to Proceed—Engineers' Report Show Property Very Valuable.

Northbrook, April 16.—Ore Chimney's mining property proves to be very valuable, by recent mining engineers' examination. Future success now seems assured. The property shows merit worthy of continuous development. A recent examination by a prominent mining engineer of Toronto of the Ore Chimney Mining Company property shows an average ore value of \$12.75 per ton, with many samplings running several times this amount. It has been recommended to the management to proceed with the development once as outlined in the development programme, namely, the main shaft to be sunk an additional 250 feet, establishing two additional levels, making eight working levels in all, to carry out at least 1,500 feet of lateral work on these levels, with some cross cutting, also to sink a winze 250 feet deep at a point some 300 feet from the main shaft on the 400 foot level, at which point the rich strike was made on December 23rd, 1925. It is probable that considerable exceptional high grade shipping ore will be taken from this point in the sinking of the winze, as the ore taken from the drift when the strike was made showed very heavily in native silver and free gold.

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With an average ore \$12.75 and the economical operation of the mine, due to the fact that the company owns and operates its own power plant of 1,100 horsepower, a good profit on its ore can be obtained.

The cost of this development will be about \$50,000, and arrangements are now being made to complete the financing of the same.

The directors have received the engineer's report and much enthusiasm was expressed, as the directors have furnished most of the capital for the past work, it is almost assured that the necessary amount of money will be available shortly.

Since the company received this report, it has received a bid from a Toronto broker for a \$200,000 portion of its recently established \$300,000 seven per cent. note issue. This has not yet been consummated, as it is expected the directorate will take up a large portion of the company's notes. Ore Chimney, after many years of struggle, has now a very splendid outlook.

Passing of Matthias Hanton.

Matthias Hanton passed away at his residence in Frankville Wednesday, after an illness of three years' duration. A son of the late William Hanton, was born seventy-three years ago and spent all of his life in the vicinity of Frankville. Married to Miss Ella Vanlan, Delta. Mr. Hanton is survived by his wife and by one adopted daughter, Mrs. W. C. Frayne, Lombardy. There are also one brother, William, and three sisters, Mrs. Frank Morrison and Miss Maggie Hanton, Brockville, and Mrs. S. Clark, Rocanville, Sask. Deceased was an Anglican, also a member of the Canadian Order of Foresters.

Mr. George Palmateer has bought the stone terrace on Ferguson street, the property of the late H. J. Allison.

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