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## AN APPEAL

To All Ministers and Preachers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to All Church Members of Whatever Name, in Watauga and Adjoining Counties.

The Advisory Committee of the Commission on the Conference on Faith and Order has sent out the following statement, appealing for what has been aptly termed "A Truce for God."

We, the Advisory Committee, representatives by appointment of many Churches in the United States, have become associated with the Commission of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the preparation of a World Conference on questions of Faith and Order as a first step toward unity. We believe in the one people of God throughout the world. We believe that now is a critically hopeful time for the world to become Christian. We believe that the present world problems of Christianity call for a world conference of Christians.

This proposal has already received the approval and co-operation of a large number of Christian Churches; approaches are being made to others as rapidly as possible; so that we hope that ere long its world-wide representative character will be established beyond peradventure. In the work of preparation for its convening, we have no authority or desire to enter into a discussion of the important questions which the Conference itself will meet to consider. It is our immediate concern to take whatever measures may be advisable to secure the best possible presentation to the Conference of the matters to be considered. In so doing, we cannot, however, remain indifferent to present conditions which may either promote or tend to thwart the purposes and hopes which the approaching World Conference should fulfill.

At the present moment, some of these important issues have suddenly become matters of renewed controversy. From the mission field, the long outstanding problem of Christian unity has been brought by the providence of God and set directly in the way before all Christian Communions. It cannot longer be passed by. The great interests which Christian people of every name have most at heart call for its solution. But solution cannot be secured by surrender. It must be preceded by conference. Before conference there must be truce. The love of Christ for the world constrains us to ask you to join with us and with His disciples of every name in proclaiming among the Churches throughout Christendom a Truce of God. Let the questions that have troubled us be fairly and clearly stated. Let scholars, Catholic and Protestant, give freely to the people whatever light from their historical studies they can throw over these subjects. More than that, it is of essential importance for us to seek to understand what in the religious experience of others are the things of real value which they would not lose, and which should be conserved in the one household of faith. We pray, also, that each Christian communion may avoid, so far as possible, any controversial declaration of its own position in relation to others, but, rather, that all things be said and done, as if in preparation for the coming together of faithful disciples from every nation and tongue to implore a fresh outpouring of God's Holy Spirit.

Before all indifference, doubt and misgivings, we would hold up the belief that the Lord's Prayer for the oneness of His dis-

## One Bad Woman

The facts presented in the case of Mrs. Warren and S. P. Christy, convicted of murder at Winston-Salem, indicate that the verdict is a just one. That the two were guilty of deliberately planning the murder of the woman's husband and carrying out the plans, is hardly to be doubted, and both of them deserve the extreme penalty of the law. It is not to be expected, however, that the woman will suffer death. Her sex will save her. If she escapes the death chair this will help to save Christy. It will be contended that he is no more guilty than the woman; that she is really the cause of it all; and it need surprise no one, in view of the sentiment against capital punishment if both escape the extreme penalty.

The final act in this drama in real life is an awful illustration of the bad influence of the woman whose feet take hold on hell. The woman in the case, but 36 years old now, departed from the path of virtue in early life. For her Christy deserted his wife and children. Then she deserted Christy for Warren. Then Christy killed Warren—all on account of the woman. For this woman one man is dead, another is under sentence of death, other lives have been blighted and untold sorrow and suffering brought to many innocent people.—Statesville Landmark.

principles was intended to be fulfilled; and that it ought not to be impossible in the comprehension of the Church, as it is practicable in the State, for men of various temperaments and divergent convictions to dwell together on agreed principles of unity. We would, therefore, urge all who hold positions of leadership, or authority in the Church, to labor without ceasing to work out in this generation, by mutual recognitions and possible readjustments, a practical basis of unity in liberty, in order, in truth, in power and in peace. To this end, we ask your prayers.

By order of the Advisory Committee of the Commission on the World Conference on Faith and Order.

W. T. MANNING,

R. H. Gardiner, Chairman.  
Secretary.

This is a document of wide interest to all Christian people—one of the most important that has come from the representatives of the several communions that are now engaged in preparing the way for the unity of the churches.

There is to be held in January, 1916, at Garden City, Long Island, N. Y., a preliminary conference of the churches in North America. Surely this is a meeting of interest to us all, and we may have a share and part in it by trying to carry out, to the best of our individual ability, the above "Truce for God."

The movement for Christian unity is one in which the Christian ministers and preachers should take a leading part. Hence this appeal to all leaders in the extension of the kingdom of God, as well as to all Christian people, to agree together to pray for Christian unity. Send in your name to the undersigned, with a request for literature on the subject, and he will be glad to have it sent to you.

Could not the ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ get together, once a month somewhere, and pray together for the unity of Christians? Let us hear from you, brethren.

REV. J. N. ATKINS.

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## The Pardoning Power

While none will say with any degree of certainty that the late Charles Becker was wrongfully executed, the fact that he went into eternity protesting his innocence, and asking his God to witness the truth of his declaration, has led many of the more sensitive type to doubt the guilt of the former police lieutenant. Whatever views one may hold on this question, there naturally arises the thought that in those states which vest the pardoning power in the hands of the governor alone there should be enacted laws that would create pardoning boards and thus relieve officials of such embarrassment as Governor Whitman experienced. It is argued, and very properly so, that since Governor Whitman as district attorney prosecuted and convicted Becker, he should not have passed upon his guilt or innocence in the final appeal. Is it not logical to believe that District Attorney Whitman, being convinced of Becker's guilt could not, as Governor Whitman, pardon him or commute his sentence? We believe that it would have been well in the interests of unquestioned justice had Governor Whitman absented himself from the state of New York in the final appeals, allowing the lieutenant-governor to pass upon the question.

It is very probable that such an instance will never occur again, but notwithstanding this, the Citizen is of the opinion that pardoning boards are the only solution of such problems. It is too grave a responsibility, amounting almost to a burden, for one individual to shoulder. Take our own State, for instance, where applications for pardons are as thick as raindrops. Men knowing the nature of our governor do not doubt that this decision of life and death weighs heavily upon him. A board of pardons has been frequently advocated for North Carolina, but as in the case of persistent efforts to improve our judicial system, mossback tradition forever bars the way.

We have no doubt that had he followed the promptings of his heart Governor Whitman would have pardoned Becker, or rather would have commuted his sentence, but there was ever the spectre of public criticism which would have doubtless followed leniency to a man whom he (Whitman) had convicted.—Asheville Citizen.

## The Typhoid Carrier

The State Board of Health has issued an official bulletin in which it places the blame for the recent outbreak of typhoid fever in Greensboro on a "typhoid carrier" who worked for the Buffalo Dairy. All the epidemic cases occurred on the route of this carrier. The bulletin says this man has had two cases of typhoid fever himself, one when he was a child and another about six or seven years ago. Three years ago while this same man was in the employ of another dairy, a small epidemic occurred on his route which epidemic stopped as soon as the dairy was required to stop selling milk. Similarly another interesting co-incidence in the matter of the present epidemic is the fact that shortly after the Buffalo Dairy was required to discontinue business the present epidemic stopped. The State board does not fail to take advantage of the opportunity to score the unsanitary conditions found in the unsewered portions of the city of Greensboro.—Charlotte Observer.

Telephone operators in Egypt are required to speak English, French, Italian, Greek and Arabic

## Changes in Warfare

The recent changes in warfare are probably as great as any that have occurred since the discovery of gunpowder. The greatest change is perhaps in the rifle which the soldier of the line uses. It is already the theory of professors in the great German military school that the rifle is doomed. They say that as the muzzle loading gun was replaced by the breech-loader, so the automatic rifle will be replaced by the individual machine gun. Germany, says an English military writer, instead of seeking to adapt new circumstances to old theories, changes theories to meet circumstances. So Germany is manufacturing individual machine guns by the thousand. There have been guns that required two men to handle them. Now they are made so as to be handled by one man. The soldiers who won and lost at Waterloo carried weapons heavier and clumsier than the present new machine.

A Maxim, after all, is merely an improved automatic rifle with a water jacket, and it can be carried and fired with less effort than could the old smooth bore of 1815. The morale, too, of the man behind the machine gun is higher. Already it is said that the German army has 50,000 of these guns in use and is manufacturing them daily in great quantities. They are cheap, the parts are easily duplicated, and they take little more room than a rifle. The best soldiers of the army are placed in charge of them. The soldier can sit at ease and pour death into the opposing ranks as easily as water is squirted through a hose.

A member of the French foreign legion, writing in The New York Sun, says the rifle will be displaced by the hand grenade. The grenadiers have done great damage so far. Before a battle now the artillery shells the trenches for hours and when damage is almost complete, the advance is made, with the grenade men first to throw their bombs in the trenches to complete the confusion.—Indianapolis News.

## Obituary

Fell asleep in Jesus on the 24th of July, 1915, at 3 o'clock, p. m., our beloved sister Victoria Hodges, wife of Brother Wm. B. Hodges, aged 81 years, 8 months and 10 days.

She left a husband and five bright little girls, but they mourn not as those who have no hope.

Victoria was a cheerful affectionate, Christian wife and mother and will be greatly missed. She professed faith in Christ eight years ago, and was a consistent member of the Second Advent Christian Church until her death. She said she was willing to submit to the will of him that doeth all things well.

Sister Victoria was loved by all who knew her. She died as she had lived, in the hope of a soon coming Redeemer. She was a true Adventist, always full of sun, shine and good cheer wherever she went. She will be greatly missed and her place will be hard to fill.

Words of comfort were spoken by her pastor, Elder S. E. Gragg. She was laid to rest in the Pine Grove cemetery to await the glorious voice of him who has promised to awake the sleeping ones to life and immortality at His coming, and to hear from His blessed lips, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." B. S.

Oklahoma leads all the other States in Indian population, 117,607. Arizona is next.

## Road Sentences the Cure

The railroad news agents arrested in Raleigh for alleged violation of the prohibition laws, have plead guilty and were sentenced to six and three months and fined \$200 and \$100 respectively. The judge agreed to suspend the road sentence provided the fines were paid. We fear that there is a tendency on the part of the courts of the State to suspend work sentences too often in the case of white offenders. There is no more reason why the white man who is violating the liquor laws should be let off with a fine than there is for the negro "tiger" to be. It is true that the white man can come more nearly to raising a hundred or two in cash to pay his fine, but it nevertheless remains true that the more prominent and influential the man the more reprehensible is his conduct, when engaged in illicit whiskey traffic. The certain jail sentence will serve as no other factor will in checking this brand of lawlessness. Let the white man be sent to the roads along with the negro, if he commits the same offense.—Kinston Free Press

## Grade Crossing Death Trap

Every grade crossing on the railroads is a death trap for those people who do not observe the proper precautions when attempting to cross. The railroads as well as others have written and spoken against carelessness in crossing railroads for many years, but instead of reducing the number of accidents they seem to be on the increase. The railroads have about tired of warning and as a result they are eliminating the grade crossing as fast as possible. And in the meantime people will continue to take chances until these crossings have been removed.—New Bern Sun.

The huckleberry crop on Linville Mountain is attracting many crowds of campers, who come from far and near to gather the fruit, now well toward the end of its season. The number of pickers has been out of all proportion to the crop, the local people think. If fires could be kept out, this mountain would soon produce all the berries this end of the State could use. And Jonas Ridge has some of the best fields too, attracting its share of pickers.—Avery Herald.

A young man who last June received his diploma has been looking around successively for a position, for employment, and for a job. Entering an office he asked to see the manager, and while waiting he said to the office boy, "Do you suppose there is any opening here for a college graduate?" "Well, dere will be," was the reply, "if de boss don't raise me salary to t'ree dollars a week by termorrow night."—Christian Guardian.

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