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The Conference came to a fitting close with a solemn declaration of faith and a memorable service of thanksgiving in St. Giles' Cathedral. It has taught us to understand one another better, and to learn of one another with humility of heart, and, finally, it paves the way to that deeper unity for which our Lord prayed in His high-priestly intercession.

### Current History Notes

THE most profound words in any literature number only three: 'God is Love.' To love is to be God-like. To be God-like is to be one with omnipotence. Omnipotence is omnipotence, and, therefore, must ultimately prevail. The doctrine of hate is of the devil and he is spreading it among the nations to their undoing. A Chinese once said to us, 'We hate the Japanese. We shall teach our children to hate them, and they shall be hated to all eternity.' Only a great mutual magnanimity, born of the Spirit of the God of Love, can alter a situation which, for Japan and China, is mutually destructive.

The *Manchester Guardian* says what we have often said in one form or another, 'Popular education is a crying necessity, but the unemployed and unemployable intellectuals are a condemnation of the prevailing educational system.' Lack of missionaries and of finance has led to the neglect of thousands in immature Christian communities, as, for instance, in INDIA. Simple Christian education is a vital need in these communities.

The population of the PHILIPPINES numbers about fourteen millions, ten or eleven millions of whom are Roman Catholics. Although Protestants number only about one-quarter-of-a-million, their influence is proportionately much greater than their numbers. The independence of the Philippines raises many questions and many doubts, commercial and political. America has supplied fifty-five per cent of the islands' imports and taken seventy per cent of the exports, and, with complete independence, tariff walls will have to be scaled, and, in view of the uncertainties in Eastern Asia, who can foretell the political future?

In ARABIA, the Hadramaut, so interesting to us because of Dr. Storm's surveys, is gradually opening up. A new road, one hundred miles long, will mean the replacement of camel caravans by motors. A paper published in Mecca announces the formation of an Arabian automobile society which shall have the monopoly of transporting pilgrims.

In AUSTRIA there are significant movements of large masses of

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people towards Protestantism. One of the most promising missionary movements in FRANCE is the Missionary Commission of Youth which met in September and considered the problems which now face the Church, and how they are to be met. It realized the need to re-think the position of the Church with regard to the world to-day, with its increasing paganism and totalitarianism, and that it needs to re-affirm the unique character of the message of salvation. It realized that the Church is the trustee of this message in face of all the idealistic theories and religions of the day, and that it must free itself from the syncretism into which it has too often slipped during these twenty years, both in the East and the West.

In commenting on the situation in GERMANY, the Bishop of Durham said that the Church, since the time of Constantine, has, in greater or less measure, been leaning on the arm of flesh. She is now ceasing to do so; in Germany she is being painfully disillusioned. The distinctive English phenomenon of the 'Free Churches' is lessening the shock, but it will still be severe. Secular polity, racial type, sectarian theory, can no longer fix frontiers to Christianity. The Church is re-discovering catholicism and the strength of its own spiritual message. The world, as it exhausts the potencies of secularism, is being driven to acknowledge the necessity of religion.

An article in *Antireligioznik* by E. Yaroslavsky states that in RUSSIA large masses have not yet broken with religion; they have partly broken with it, but stand on the cross-roads. The Godless organization, it states, is getting slack. In places where drought prevailed, people who had severed their connection with religious organizations, took part in prayers for rain, under the influence of priests. The article goes on to say that when a priest loses his parish it does not follow that he ceases to be a priest. He becomes a 'priest-itinerant.' Easily carrying with him the few things he needs, he goes from village to village, performing religious ceremonies, reading prayers, baptizing infants. Such a one is sometimes more 'dangerous' than a priest who performs his duties as a 'servant of the cult' at one given place.

An approximate survey of the country shows that there are no less than 30,000 church organizations. In this connection it must be remembered that a church must have at least twenty members before it can be registered as a religious society. In Moscow there are more active churches than there are theatre-cinemas, and they are decorated as well as, and in some cases better than, the cinemas.

Putinzev, in an article in the same paper, says that it is necessary to show the political harm of such sentiments as forgiveness and love of all mankind. 'Love your enemies,' for instance, is a most harmful statement.

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During the post-war years the immigration policy of Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina, in SOUTH AMERICA, was one of open doors, and the majority of the immigrants were of European origin. With the economic depression, a change was made in policy, and the changing composition of the new immigrants is causing a certain amount of anxiety. In Brazil, Eastern European and Japanese immigration has increased rapidly, and a quota system is now established. After fifty years of large-scale immigration, Brazil still has an enormous area of undeveloped land of great fertility, situated in zones in which Europeans can easily become acclimatized. There is a constant demand for agricultural labour and cheap undeveloped land. Argentina is deficient in both.

To-day these republics are no longer concerned with the country of origin of immigrants; what concerns them is that they can no longer admit anyone who is in any way 'undesirable' as regards public interests and the fundamental principles of the nation.

It is interesting to note that since 1933, 10,000 Jews from Germany have entered Argentina, 8,000 Brazil and 600 Uruguay. These are the three republics which already had the largest Jewish populations.

In Colombia, the Scriptures may be imported duty-free as *libros de ensenaza* (educational books).

In Nicaragua, advance has been made into the department of Chontales which had previously never had a resident missionary; there is now one lady missionary in a population of 90,000. The missionary occupation cannot, therefore, be described as adequate.

The Christian and Missionary Alliance, which began in the UNITED STATES as a simple Christian Fellowship fifty years ago, in addition to its widespread home work, has gone into twenty fields. It has over five hundred missionaries, who work in ninety-five languages and dialects.

The following is an interesting paragraph in a letter received from Mr. and Mrs. Ellison, of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in INDO-CHINA:—

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still rules in the kingdoms of men. He can, and we believe He will, cause the authorities to grant us full liberty to preach the Gospel to these millions of Cambodians who have none but ourselves to tell them. When we get back to the field there will be only two missionary couples for three million people. Pray that God will raise up at least 140 native evangelists, one for each of the 140 counties in Cambodia. A great increase in the Bible-school at Battambang will be necessary in order to reach this goal. But God is able, and He has promised that, if we abide in Him and His Word abides in us, that we shall ask what we will, and it shall be done. Praise God for this glorious, all-inclusive promise. May He give us grace to fulfil its conditions.'

An act of devotion worth recording comes from NORTH AUSTRALIA : The *Manchester Guardian* drew attention to it recently. It was the story of one of the aboriginals who carried a fellow-tribesman four hundred miles in the hope that he might be cured of his leprosy. He travelled at the rate of about a mile a day ; each day he had to dig a fresh water-hole and hunt game to feed them both. The journey took nine months. The Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society is hoping to secure a suitable recognition of his feat.

As we go to press war rages in CHINA without a declaration of war. Someone said recently that the world was becoming more humane. Those of us who know Shanghai, with the congested Chinese population, can imagine something of the horror of seeing mangled bodies of men, women and children amid the ruins of their homes, and the colossal loss which this conflict imposes upon merchants of many nations. Does JAPAN wish, in addition to her aspirations in North China, to dominate the great International Settlement of Shanghai ?

We were once travelling in a steamer with Dr. Timothy Richard, that great peace-loving friend of the Far East. On board the steamer there were some Japanese passengers with whom Dr. Richard told us he had sought to enter into friendly conversation. He asked one of them about his travels and his profession. To this the Japanese replied : ' I am a teacher and,' lifting his foot and stamping upon the deck, ' I mean to teach foreigners their place, which is there ! ' In the old days, Chinese would probably have said the same thing, and to-day Germany is prohibiting Rotary Clubs because they are international in their outlook.

There are laws which none can ignore without suffering retribution. The nationalism which is characteristic of many lands to-day is a contravention of the Divine law, inherent in the words, ' He hath made of one blood all nations of men,' and of the teaching of Christ in His reply to the question, ' Who is my neighbour ? '