

NEWS OF THE CHRISTIAN WORLD



Chrysler Gives Chimes to Church

Walter P. Chrysler, automobile manufacturer, a non-Catholic, has donated a \$13,500 set of chimes to the Sacred Heart Catholic church, Boulder, Colo.

College Men "Illiterate"

Rev. Joseph Twitchell, college pastor at Williams college, recently completed corrections on an examination in New Testament. In the Williams Record Mr. Twitchell writes that the test has shown that a great number of men in college are "religious illiterates"; that the ignorance of many in the fundamental teachings of Christianity is exceedingly dismal; that many have no idea of the two great commandments, that knowledge of the nature of a parable is obscure, and that Jesus' conception of the kingdom of God is described by some as our idea of heaven.

Explanations Cover a Multitude of Sin

Rather unusual was the declaration regarding the significance of divorce increase made by Dr. F. K. Fretz, of Easton, Pa., in an address on "Repairing Broken Homes" at the recent session of the National Lutheran Inner Mission conference, held in Chicago. "The increase in divorce does not mean that family life is less successful or less happy than formerly," he said; "it means that more is demanded by the wife. Unfaithful conduct on the part of the husband, which formerly was overlooked, now is considered grounds for divorce," Dr. Fretz explained.

Trader Horn Believes in Miracles

Trader Horn's publishers report their leading author as having views on religion as well as on South African adventure. He is quoted, on the subject of religion: "These fellows that can't embrace Christianity because they don't believe in a few miracles—what a rumor! Miracles! A big ball spinning in space and man with the privilege of balancing his life out on it, that's miracle enough for me. I'm not asking the Almighty for anything more intimate. I'm not expecting the Ruler of the Universe to cure my toothache as proof that he exists." Trader Horn—or Alfred Aloysius Smith, as he is by original name—is said to be a Catholic, but of rather liberal turn of mind. He had a sister who was a nun in England.

Science War with Church Is "Endless" Eternity to Solve Their Issues

"Scripture" and "Nature" are "two volumes by the same author which do not conflict with each other.

"Theology, which represents the first, and Science, which represents the second, always will be in conflict until each of the volumes is complete and the mystery of creation is solved."

This explanation of the seeming contradiction of the Bible by science was given last month by Dr. L. Franklin Gruber, president of the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary and famous religious-scientific writer, at a Lutheran conference.

"The conflict between religion and science will continue," he said, "and the completion

of the work of each will not occur on this side of the Pearly Gates.

"Not till the universe has had its full outworking and until man has read clearly all its secret meanings and traced its every law and knows its every state throughout all ages, will he be able to understand the phenomenal panoramic outlines of those creative records."

Religious News from Alaska

Rev. L. E. Ost writes that a general Christian conference was held by the Eskimo Christians in Unalakleet, March 15-19, this year. The next conference is to be held at Shaktolik next year. About 250 people came to Unalakleet for this conference—not counting the people of Unalakleet.

The overseeing-presiding Elder, chosen at Elim last year, came to the Conference after spending much of the winter among the natives of the Lower Yukon regions. The conditions among those natives are about as primitive as the conditions obtaining among the natives over in Siberia. But they are now having blessed opportunities to hear the Gospel of salvation, through the work of brother Wilson and others of our Christian native brethren. Also brother Wilson came to spend a few days with the Conference. His field is backward and in many ways hard, but he told that a number of these poor natives are now believing, a few here, a few there, and they want to hear and learn more of this "Great Salvation."

Rev. Mr. Ost writes that in company with Rev. V. L. Nordlund he has made an itinerary through a certain district in Alaska, visiting Egowik, Foothills, Shaktolik, Isaac's Point, Elim, Chinik (Golovin), White Mountain and Koyuk.

Bishop Dies of Gunshot Wound

The Rt. Rev. William Alexander Guerry, Bishop of South Carolina, died on Saturday evening, June 9, as the result of a gunshot wound received on Monday, June 4. Bishop Guerry was shot by the Rev. J. H. Woodward, one of the clergy canonically attached to the diocese. Mr. Woodward had come from Darien, Ga., where he has been living for some time, having given up his parishes in the Diocese of South Carolina some three years ago. After shooting Bishop Guerry, his assailant took his own life.

On Monday morning, June 4, shortly after Miss Henrietta Jervey, diocesan secretary, arrived at headquarters, Mr. Woodward came in and asked to see the bishop. On arriving at headquarters the bishop met Mr. Woodward and they went into conference in the bishop's room and were there for some time. During this time nothing was heard by Miss Jervey in the adjoining room which would indicate that there was any matter of dispute going on between Bishop Guerry and his visitor. In a little while the bishop came into the office and did some routine business with his secretary, and then returned, apparently to re-

sume the conference with Mr. Woodward. In a very few minutes the shooting took place, the shots following one another in quick succession. Miss Jervey ran to a telephone in another part of the building to get the police. As she did so, she met Mr. Davies, the senior warden of St. Philip's Church, and together they returned to the bishop's room to find both men on the floor and unconscious. They were both taken to the hospital and Mr. Woodward died shortly after reaching there. The bishop, owing to his condition, was unable to make any statement.

"Fundamentalists" Encourage War

The Presbyterian Advance has the following to say in regard to the endorsement of war by the "fundamentalists."

"The World's Christian Fundamentals Association, at its recent meeting in Chicago, adopted a preamble and resolution which seem amazing. The real 'fundamentalist'—as distinguished from the person who holds firmly to what he considers fundamentals of the faith but also cultivates the true Christian spirit—is always, even if unconsciously, a militarist, a belligerent. He believes in force, rather than love, as the only proper weapon. Claiming to aim at spiritual ends, he still thinks that such ends can be attained by physical and material means. In fact, he seems not to believe in the reality of the spiritual at all. Apparently the only things which are 'real' to him are material things. He is essentially a materialist, even though he may not know it. This being true, it is not at all surprising that an association made up of such persons should adopt the following paper, which, we are assured, is an exact copy of the action taken by The World's Christian Fundamentals Association:

"Whereas, we recognize with deep regret that human failure and sin inevitably result in war and strife, and

"Whereas, we believe in the use of every righteous means to secure and maintain peace with honor, and

"Whereas, all the dreams and hopes of mankind looking to the establishment of world peace and the outlawing of war by human means, are scripturally doomed to disappointment, since there is no hope of lasting peace in the earth until the Lord Jesus Christ returns as the Prince of Peace, and

"Whereas, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America has been engaged in an unbiblical and unpatriotic campaign to undermine the program of our government, and

"Whereas, the government has no means of defense except the lives and man power of its citizens, and

"Whereas, it is a useless tragedy to send untrained men, even of the highest courage, against trained forces, thus increasing the horror and slaughter, and

"Whereas, our youth have the right to every possible means of surviving future wars,

"Be it therefore resolved, that the World's Christian Fundamentals Association endorses the Citizens' Training Camps, the R.O.T.C., and such kindred organizations as the government shall use to equip our