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PROBLEM OF CHURCH POLITY DISCUSSED BY CHICAGO DI

THOSE WHO ANSWERED.

The Rt. Rev. William E. McLaren, Episcopal Bishop, Diocese of Chicago.

The Rt. Rev. Samuel Fallows, Episcopal (Reformed) Bishop, Jurisdiction of the West and Northwest. The Rev. Dr. L. A. Crandail, Memorial Baptist Church.

The Rev. Dr. Frank Crane, Trinity Methodist Church. The Rev. Dr. Howard Agnew Johnston, Forty-first Street

Presbyterian Church. The Rev. J. H. O. Smith, Union Christlan Church. The Rev. Dr. A. J. Canfield, St. Paul's Universalist Church.

The Rev. Dr. F. W. Gunsaulus, Plymouth Congregational Church.

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THE RT. REV. WILLIAM E. MCLAREN :

needed or desirable?"

There is no doubt that in Chicago more rgely, as in all large cities to a less ex-nt, and in many hundreds of smaller places, there is a diminished attendance upon ic services. There is in our nature as an inextinguishable hunger for God, ts intensity varies at different times. resent there is a tidal wave of indif-ce inundating the country, which is in grounded in irreligion, and in part in phases of religious belief. which nated the minds of millions in this the past, and which in the pres-ost or are losing their hold. The is much more large-

espread positive rejection of the Jesus Christ. Their decadence defeat of Christianity, but, on the the token of a better day.

nation of the policy of separat-the opprobrium of Protestantot likely to bring in a better state of again. That is not the road to worse conditions. The bota house that is so sadly divided tself. The Christian forces must y one if the world is to believe, and s the solemn declaration of the founder aller towns all over this continent to

r that the invitation is accepted. we must come to is the divine idea unity, homage, and praise to the , the supreme majesty, the great neans of honoring him, attesting th and fortifying our wills in the ways

religious instincts of our people and em again to respond to that hunger which is a part of their nature, and dormant now only for a season.

ne point—that the power of the church ng the people is today greater, broader, e vital than ever before. PT PEV WILLIAM P. MCLAREN: Ous problems which confront the church, and a larger measure of coöperative effort. THE REV. DR. FRANK CRANE: DT DEV WILLIAM P. MCLAREN:

As to "the needs of the church," that is a broad question, and, broadly answered, I should say that ifs needs are twofold: First, a frue insight as to the purpose of religion, and, second, an organization upon a differ-ent economic or financial basis I. Religion, in a nutshell, is to be preached more as a divine power to transform men on this earth than as a divine "scheme" to transport men to another world.

ans earth than as a dryine "scheme" to transport men to another world.
2. So long as the church depends upon any one class it cannot prosper. Today it is supported by the well-to-do. As a consequence churches follow the prosperous class, deserting the crowded down-town districts and the regions settled by the nonzer class, descring the crowded down-town dis-tricts and the regions settled by the poorer classes and going after its superters into the wealthy suburbs. There is only one remedy for this. It is to adopt the scriptural plan of tithing as a financial basis, placing a tith-ing vow in the form of admission into its membership. That is one part of the reme-dy. The other part is to abandon the "neighborhood" church idea, whereby a wealthy community has a fine service and a poor community a wretched one, and adopt ness in this present world as a fitting pre-liminary to whatever the future hath " of marvel or surprise."

poor community a wretched one, and adop the "democratic" idea, placing fine church buildings and able workers and preacher indiscriminately among rich and poor neigh-borhoods, exactly as the public schools have as capable teachers and as fine schools where the slum children go as they have in

Hyde Park, I consider "missions" among the poor a fraud. Of course they are better than noth-ng, but the basal idea of them is wicked, for the church with the best it has to offer with the based the best it has to offer ought to be among the poor as among the rich. There is no avenue to this but the tithing system, which places all on an equala hard and the

THE REV. J. H. O. SMITH:

Christianity is a system of right personal ations. It reconciles men to God and ngs about peace between men. The early ristian church was the grave of strife between classes, and the rich and poor, the

Setween classes, and the rich and poor, the Greek and barbarian, met together in sin-cerest love for God and men. Every association must have a constitu-tion expressing the faith of those in the organization, and we might expect Christ o sive the church a creed since it exists to give the church a creed, since it exists by his authority. When the apostle said, "Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God," Christ said he would build his church upon this confession and the gates of the upon this confession and the gates of the unseen should not prevail against it. Paul said: "Belleve on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved." Faith in a personal Savior, the son of God, was all that was required, but this In-cluded all that was necessary to salvation. It was not so much a question what as in whom the convert believed. A theory of the atonement is of less importance than the fact of Christ's suffering for the world. The church is coming nearer Christ than The church is coming nearer Christ than at any time since the glory of the first cen-turies of its history, when pure. I sug-gest a new study of the New Testament, a return to the simple faith, the life of love taught by Christ. In the struggle to live in the fierce, continued business battle men have no time for philosophical speculations. The church more and more is translating nto human life the love of God. --

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aspiration after betterment—an every day church of humanity in the name of the High-For the five points of Calvinism I would For the five points of Calvinism I would substitute five points of common sense, formulated thus: 1. The universal father-hood of God. 2. The brotherhood of man-kind. 3. The fedemption of society through the vicentous character and office of love. 4. The leadership of Christ. And, 5, the final triumph of good over evil, brought about by the faith that works righteous-ness in this present works a fitting mea-

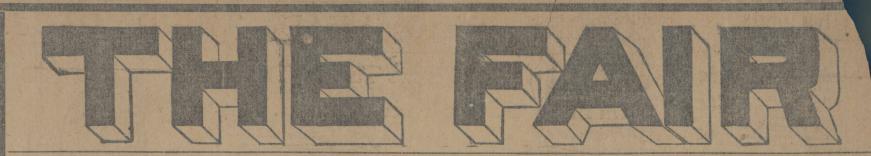
THE REV. DR. F. W. GUNSAULUS :

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I am anxious only for such changes toward I am anxious only for such changes toward simplicity as will give us greater power. The Christian Church is more conscious than ever before that to prove her right to exist is must at least reach and help the common people in whom Christ seems to have been particularly interested when he lived his life upon our planet. No church can have Christian enthusiasm for itself which does not feel upon its heart the im-mense responsibility in our own eity of dismense responsibility in our own city of dis tricts without any sort of moral influence o religious inspiration, and our rich churches are languishing because there has not been a return flow of genuine. Christian enthusi-asm, which is a blessing to be obtained only after we have done our duty to the less

after we have done our duty to the less favored classes. Now, in order to do this work, the church must be possessed of the deeper and simpler ideas of the gospel. To emphasize those ele-ments in theology which people do not under-stand and cannot understand is to work our enthusiasm at the wrong place. It never will satisfy the conscience and it never will represe human society.

bay and night I am joyfully laboring with men for the enlargement of the reign of Jesus on earth whose lives are the eloquent confessions of his essential lordship over ev are not in the visible ch



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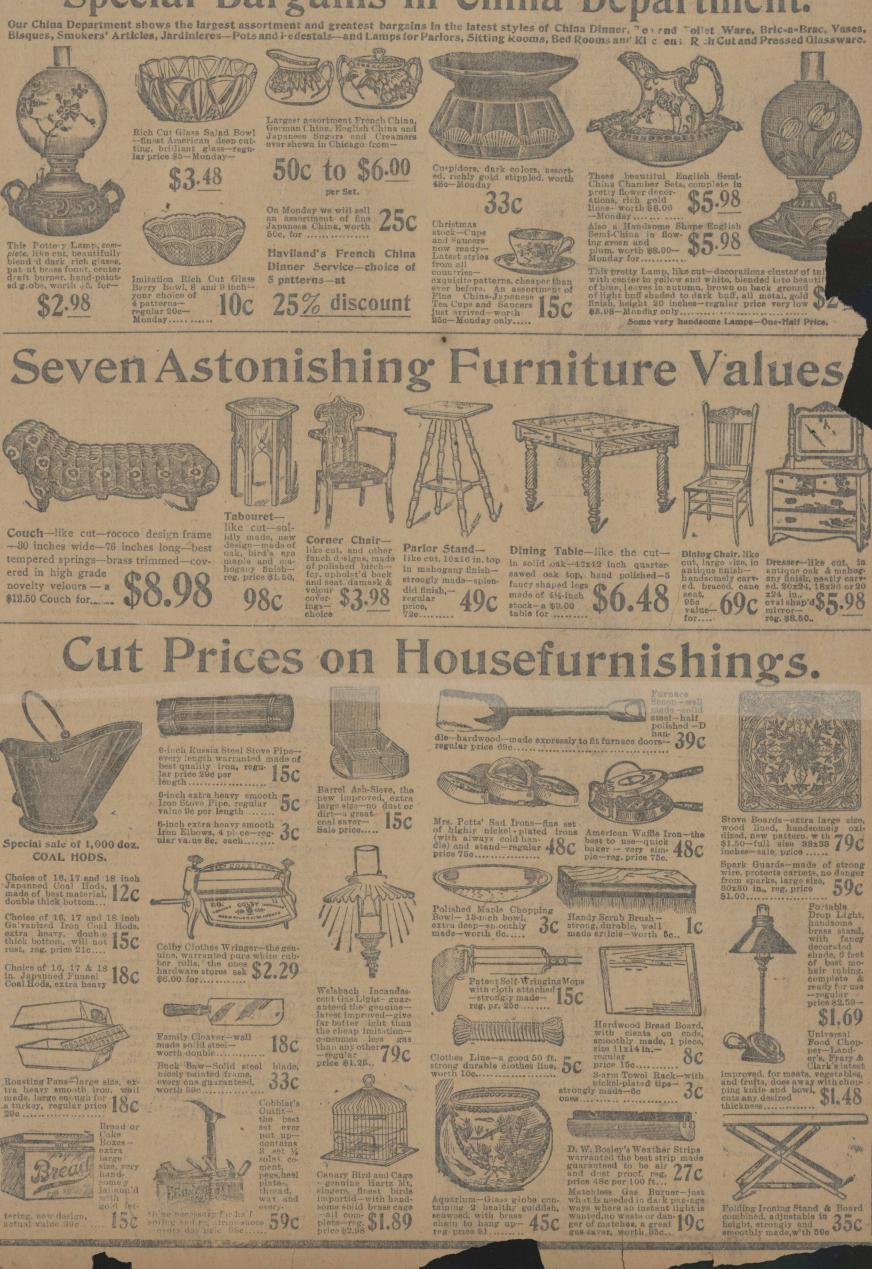
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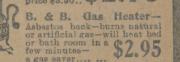
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THE RT. REV. SAMUEL FALLOWS:

he church must not be confounded with fistianity. The latter is infinitely grander I larger than the former. The spirit of istianity is not only not confined to the rch, but may be dormant within it, while ay move in the hearts of men outside the rch inclosure and the church confession. may live and does live in organizations, nstitutions, in movements full of good to nkind which are not distinctively carried

forward under any church ægis. The church itself (putting a part for the whole as to name) may be disloyal to the spirit of Christianity, and those who do not bear the Christian name may transcend heir influence and activity the church Earl of Shaftesbury had to carry the ory act, so important to the welfare of lish children, against the apathy and nined opposition of the English

other great reforms the church, as a A other great reforms the church, as a dy, has been derelict. Outsiders have had beer the standard and sound the war cry. was so in the slavery contest. The church not united today in the temperance re-rm. But the truth I wish to affirm is this, at the Christian religion is leavening so-dy, however unfaithful the church may It is the hand of Jesus Christ that is It is the hand of Jesus Christ that is iting elevating laws upon our statute oks, rearing hospitals and asylums, build-schools and reformatories. It is his blee which is lifted up in the cry of the op-ressed, in the passionate demand of the for their rights in the earth he has

soor for their rights in the earth he has reated, of the laborer for his just share in he profits of his toil. And always from the church some one omes to incarnate the spirit of the divine uman Christ, and marshal those within and vithout for the contest for the rights of men. avs will be found earnest ministers of who are trying to bring the church into al relationship with the people, and the ple into the church. They are striving the coming of the kingdom, of which the treth is only a portion, and yet its most partant portion. It is to be its preserving it to be its undimmed and aver is to be its undimmed and ever

THE REV. DR. L. A. CRANDALL:

All will agree that the Church of Jesus thrist ought to exert a larger influence upon people, but all do not agree upon the hods to be used in gaining this larger nfluence. I am not vain enough to assume the task of declaring who is right and who is wrong among those who differ thus radi-cally, but will content myself with a few suggestions: will content myself with a few

Stress of life is much greater than it 1. Stress of the is much greater than it ied to be. This is especially true in our ties. Vast numbers of people have no ne for rest except on Sunday, and prefer ending that day with their families or in e parks to attendance upon church serv-or the server of the s The man who is anxious that the should reach a larger number of will do well to help those who are ng to secure a Saturday half-holiday for

his is an intensely practical age, and ople have little patience with fine hearles. The great truths of Chris-must be shown in their application to nditions, and the teaching us must be related to daily conduct and

the church must pattern more closely r her Lord and seek to promote the wei-of the whole man, body as well as soul. The attitude of the church towards the must be such as to plainly reveal an sh interest. So long as the people a suspicion that we are more interre a suspicion that we are more inter-ed in making converts to our denom-tional beliefs than we are in lding the kingdom of God. so long will they fight shy of the church. So long as the

THE REV. DR. HOWARD A. JOHNSTON :

In answer to the question, "Do you see that the church is failing to reach the peo-'I would say yes and no. At the beginning of this century the church member-ship in this country was one in thirteen of the population; now it is one in four of the

the population; now it is one in four of the poulation, notwithstanding the marvelous growth of the fopulation. "Is there anything more the church can do to reach the people?" Yes, and there al-ways has been since the time of Christ. Never yet has the church done its full duty. "Has the church gone away from re-ligion?" Yes and no. The church is im-perfect. Members of the church are large-ly selfish indifference, unfruitful. Thou-sands who have taken the name of Christ are unconcerned about the salvation of other souls than their own. In so far it may be said a church has the name to live. may be said a church has the name to live, but is dead. In spite of this element of failure, the church has evidence of a true religious life. Never was the spirit of misreligious life. Never was the spirit of mis-sions so vigorous as now, at home and abroad. We need broad lines of comparison. Compare the church of a century ago with the church of today. The larger influence of the church immediately appears. There is one test which to my mind is final, after all the church's failures have been confessed — that is the fact that the ideal character in the Christian communi-ty is nearer to the character of Christ than ever before. A century ago churches were

ty is nearer to the character of Christ than ever before. A century ago churches were begun with lotteries. Eighty years ago the ministers always had the best liquor offered to them in the homes of the people. Forty years ago a Christian was not discounted because he was a slaveholder. Forty years ago a statesman's private life was not al-lowed to affect his public career, but witness Parnell and Breckinridge to prove the higher demands of the people. The man who may command the highest regard of his fellow-men today must be nearer the who may command the highest regar. or his fellow-men today must be nearer the ideal Christ has given than he was ever re-quired to be in the past. This is the final test. And who will deny that these in-fluences which mark the movement to the higher levels center in the church of Christ, and radiate from that center? The church nearer meant as much in the community as

never meant as much to the community as it does today, and it will go on, slowly per power for good. adily, to continue to gain in

THE REV. DR. A. J. CANFIELD:

Adaptation to environment is a prime necessity of all living organisms. Contin life can be secured only by constant and variations. Christianity, the is subject to the same necessity. Hence it Is subject to the same necessity. Hence it has from the beginning shown extraordinary adaptability to the varying needs and ex-periences of mankind. Transcending the limits of race and clime and the scenes of its origin, it claims to be the sufficient and final instructor of the religious sentiment in every quarter of the religious sentiment in every quarter of the globe. Con Nations at different times have need of

them, but they are not in the visible endrem. They actually do belong to the true and in visible communion. If I reach any heaver of God I expect to gladly greet them or b greeted by them. I would be as liberal of greeted by them. I would be as liberal or as narrow here as I expect to be there. Why must we postpone the cordial acknowledg-ment until after we die? Shadowy and arbi-trary lines will vanish then in the white light of essentials. Sects or the want of a sect will not trouble our thought. I believe that now the church ought to be becaute that that now the church ought to be h

that now the church ought to be hospitable at least to all the energies and aspects of practical Christilkeness. Experience has proved to me that the line of demarcation which an intellectual ap-prehension of the truth only makes between a good man inside the church and an equally good man outside the church is fantastic and wickedly con-fuses the value Christ placed upon real faith and noble character with the value doctrinaires have placed upon a sereal faith and noble character with the value doctrinaires have placed upon an as-sent to human conceptions of divine truth. Theology is the vision of God. The only line of division which is fundamental runs so deep and high that on the one side are those who feel in them no response to the moral divineness of Jesus of Galilee, and who do not want to be like him, and en the other side are those who do feel the moral divineness of Jesus of Galilee and who do want to be like him. That line is as deep as the soul of man and as basic as the nature of God. According to that line I would labor and pray. I would make the church as ex-clusive and as inclusive as the spirit of Christ. I believe it ought to have as large and firm a gateway on earth as it will have in heaven.

> The woman who is weak, nervous, tired and exhausted; who has a poor and variable appe-tite and no strength or tite and no strength or nerve; who suffers from pains and aches, drag-ging down and burning sense tions; and who recognizes, herself, that the has become irritable, cross, blue and de-spondent, is in almost every case suffering from weakness and disease of the delicate S.

and important organs that bear the burdens

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