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SOME PROGRESS TOWARD RELIGIOUS UNITY.

Not first among the matters of moment to which the recent Episcopal conference in Portland gave attention was the matter of religious unity.

A useful preparation therefor for the World Conference on Faith and Order which is now proposed for the early summer of 1925 will be, as was suggested by the committee which reported at the Portland convention, the holding of a series of small conferences of members of the same church by themselves so that they may see clearly the truths for which their own church stands, and of members of different churches meeting to understand one another and the value of the other's positions.

It is obvious that religious unity must precede any serious effort to bring about even the smallest degree of union among the various denominations.

The present movement for church unity is more than a decade old. The attempt at a general convention of the Episcopalians and the convention of 1910, continued through succeeding conventions and now reinforced for another triennium has accomplished something, in cooperation with the various other denominations, and the Geneva conference was not without result, inasmuch as it presented a number of main subjects for consideration, the relative importance of which needs to be determined and a definite order plan can be devised.

It is interesting to know that the larger movement for church unity is gaining headway more rapidly in other countries than in the United States. This is particularly true of Scotland, where the Church of Scotland and the free church have reached a practical agreement; of Canada, where the Congregationalists, Methodists and Presbyterians have a common understanding, and of Australia, which has followed the example of Canada, with a prospect that the Baptist denominations will be added. Led by definite achievements have resulted from the efforts of the northern and southern bodies of the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches in a similar direction in the United States.

A large degree of disappointment

will be confessed by those who have hoped for speedy union and who have observed a tendency to give weight to technical considerations, but this too is likely to be tempered by reflection upon the history of the steps by which denominational differences were created, upon the depth of experience and the wisdom which were required to bring about the present situation.

There is no reason to believe that complete physical union of all religious denominations will ever be achieved, or even that it would be desirable, or that if brought about temporarily it would endure.

Europe's need of self-help. In an address to the Indiana bankers Comptroller of the Currency Cressinger replied to the plea that the United States should go to the rescue of Europe by saying that since the war began this country has contributed \$21,750,000 to finance the rest of the world.

Gods and Geologists. Poetically inclined and simply minded as they are, the geologists of the Oregon country are richer in philosophy than the tale of the Bridge of the Gods.

Alarm for the British Middle Class. The question is gravely discussed by the London Observer whether the British middle class is shrinking in numbers through sterility, the census revealing a decrease in the number of the population.

The burden of war has fallen heavily on the middle class, both through death in battle and through taxation. It is for this reason that it is not actually ponded by gigantic landslides.

are not at all certain," observed Williams, "but that many times may be the roughness of this masterful river have been partially or entirely clogged and its current checked or not actually ponded by gigantic landslides.

SIXTY CIGARETTES A DAY. With marked amazement reads Dr. James Rosedale Wadell Ward, recently admitted to citizenship at the age of 96, consumes sixty cigarettes each day of his singularly unperturbed and youthful existence.

Practical Value of the Glider. Whether the glider, or airplane operated without power, shall become a useful instrument in aviation depends on so many considerations that experts are not of one mind on the subject.

What the "Potlatch" Was. Chief Buffalo Child Long Lance, who writes in a British Columbia contemporary in vigorous protest against a pending proposal to change the name of a forthcoming festival from "potlatch" to something else, has the support of ethnologists and other authorities.

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feet of the albatross, which is able to remain for long periods, almost motionless, in the air. He says that this bird does not decline with the airplane engine was installed; it is revived, curiously enough, by a recessive movement which has stimulated research and which may yet be set down as the most important mechanical event of the year.

Most people are well informed as to the causes for the late Father Williams' extraordinary longevity.

Chief Buffalo Child Long Lance pleads for the customs of his people, illogical though they may seem to the white man, who will appear to stand convicted by the testimony of his own customs of inconsistency.

The season is just beginning when the young student is torn with conflicting emotions, the problem being whether to content for scholastic honors or to try to make the football team.

At the rate the Round-Up is increasing it draws the ballistics of the police and the attention of the public will soon be necessary to enlarge Pendleton to make room for the annual crowd.

riches were esteemed because they enabled the fortunate one to give great festivals and to show his contempt for that which he had been at much pains to obtain.

Whether Mr. Kipling said it or not, it is evident by this time that most folks don't believe it was so.

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Each day that passes shows me hungry men. With actual famine stamped upon the faces of the people.

And I search back through memory's book. And you are there.

BURNSIDE BRIDGE. Old Burnside Bridge, we loved you much. When you were young and strong and new.

Forgiveness. Ah, yes, but I may have forgotten the thing that brought to me so many tears.

THE WHITE BUTTERFLY AND THE CEDAR TREE. Oh, foolish butterfly, aloft above my arms, within the blue; Your life is but a tiny mote that thrills my knotted fibers through.

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