

# Religious Thought

It may be said at the outset that too many churches are born religiously tired. Their members believe nothing can be done to keep the young men from saloons and to stimulate the good morals of the town, and they do not even try. They ring their church bell, they warm the meetinghouse, they open the doors, they "hire a minister," they announce the services—and "let it go at that." In these days of abundant reading matter, much of it interesting although by no means elevating, in these days when the business "hustler" is idealized, the churches cannot depend upon the mere fact that they exist and go through the motions of worship and of proclaiming the truth, in order to exert wide-reaching spiritual power. They must do something as well as be something and believe something.—The Standard.

A great deal of our modern life is full of illusion—I will not characterize it by a stronger or more contemptuous term—the illusion that we can make humanity great and pure and honest and loving by a vision of great ideals. No; the place for the vision of great ideals comes when the mental and spiritual eye has been opened by nurture and discipline, to recognize the great spiritual ideals and to distinguish them from ideals that are false, the ignis fatuus of false teachers and false promises. Believe me, that is one of the sublimest offices of the elder Testament to which the apostle bids us turn back.—Bishop Henry C. Potter, The Homiletic Review.

The Gospel of Christ is one and immutable; the comprehension and expression of it in history has been of infinite variety. No individual, no church, no age of history has ever comprehended the full scope of God's saving purposes in Jesus Christ. Neither has any proclaimed it without foreign admixtures that clogged and

thwarted it. A fuller and purer expression of the evangel has therefore always been possible and desirable. It is on the face of it unlikely that the Gospel or a completely pure Gospel. It is a lack of Christian humility to assume that our Gospel and the Gospel are identical.—Walter Rauschenbusch, The Independent.

After all, there is nothing that really goes to the heart of another like recognition of his personal worth. Carlyle was right when he said that appreciation, affection, even from a dog, is infinitely precious. Most of us can recall days when we walked with a lighter step because there had come to us the cordial recognition of another human soul. We do not always think what resources of encouragement and helpfulness lie in an honest word of recognition or another's work or purpose.—The Watchman.

We are turning back to review Christianity and ask is, after all, the Golden Rule is not workable and the life of Jesus Christ an every-day possibility. The church is doing its work in the field of imagination. Its great, eternal truths must be anchored more surely to every-day life, yet the preacher will more and more fill the imagination with that central thought of religion, the assertion that we are the children of God. This was the distinctive doctrine of Christianity.—The Christian Register.

There are conflicts and battles and hard work in the Christian life, and we must have a piety that is vigorous and militant, and capable of bearing burdens. And such piety must have the inspiration and strength and joy that come from the consciousness of God's nearness, from seeing Him face to face, as He reveals Himself in the face of Jesus Christ, whom to see is to have seen the Father.—The Examiner.

# GRAVE TROUBLE FEARED

## General Reyes May Not Be Allowed to Take His Seat as President

Washington, D. C., Aug. 6.—In official circles here authentic news from Bogota is awaited with keen interest as private information received lately indicates that the affairs of that republic may reach a critical stage within the next few days.

Tomorrow is the date set for the inauguration of General Rafael Reyes as president of Colombia. Affairs are in such shape, however, that the new president may not be allowed to take office without grave trouble ensuing.

When General Reyes was sent to Washington in the hope of effecting a change in the policy of the United States and securing the restoration of Panama he was the choice of the government party for president. Of course his mission failed. Thereupon the influence of President Marroquin and his administration seemed to be thrown for Joaquin Velez, the aged revolutionary governor of the department of Bolivar, who had done so much to defeat the canal. It was even announced that Velez had a majority secured through the support of the administration. But Marroquin shifted around to Reyes, and the result was in doubt.

General Reyes knew that if he went back to Bogota after his failure here there would be no show whatever for his becoming president. So he remained in New York a while, and then sailed for Paris. Meanwhile, he was doing what he could for Colombia to save something out of the wreck of its control in Panama. He did not succeed because the blunder in Bogota made it impossible.

General Reyes remained in Paris for several months. Then he sailed, not for Colombia but for Venezuela. The strained relations of Colombia and Venezuela for the last few years have been well understood. That the two countries didn't go to war was because each had on hand revolutions at home, and each accused the other of fomenting those domestic brawls. General Castro, the president of Venezuela, was credited with the determination to annex some Colombian territory under the pretext of war, and at the same time settle old scores.

Before he left Paris General Reyes knew that he would be well received in Venezuela. While in Caracas he gave utterance to some interesting opinions which were supposed to be directed chiefly against the United States. His advice was for a general union of the Latin-American races to guard against the aggression both of the Yankees and the Europeans. The Latin-American union which he suggested was not the outgrowth of Panama nor was it really conceived in hostility to the United States. General Reyes had long been an advocate of the doctrine that the Latin race still has a mission.

Good results undoubtedly came from General Reyes' visit to Venezuela. General Castro opened some of the customs ports on the Colombian frontier that had been closed and gave encouragement to the re-establishment of commerce between the two countries. Probably the better understanding secured with Venezuela helped General Reyes after his return to Colombia. It is clear that the Marroquin administration felt a little more free in handling domestic subjects. The real question to be determined was whether Reyes could be peaceably inaugurated even after a majority of the electoral college had declared him the choice. During the last few weeks every mail has brought word of intrigues and plots against Reyes. Army commanders and others supposed to be hostile to General Reyes have been removed, but this has served apparently only to increase the opposition.

While it is a badly disorganized army, the Colombian war force is necessary to secure a peaceful administration. If the partisans of Joaquin Velez succeed in getting the army, in all probability there will be serious trouble.

Once inaugurated as president, General Reyes undoubtedly will maintain his control of the army. His prestige as a soldier will help him in that regard. In the campaign against the revolutionists in 1895 he showed he possessed the qualities of military leadership.

What General Reyes' policy as president will be cannot be forecasted with certainty. His chief endeavor doubtless will be directed toward maintaining the territorial integrity of the republic. The rumors which have been afloat from time to time of

a separation movement in the great Pacific department of Cauca have not been groundless. The truth is understood to be that the danger of this department cutting loose in case Reyes were not made president has been the motive for bringing the administration of President Marroquin to his support.

**To Wrestle for Championship.**  
Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 6.—Frank Gotch, who claims the catch-as-catch-can wrestling championship of the world, and Dan S. McLeod, the former champion, are to contest for the title in a bout here tonight. Both men have taken great care in training for the contest, and they are said to be in fine physical condition. Gotch believes he will win with little difficulty, but McLeod has a host of friends and admirer who express confidence in his ability to gain the decision and the long end of the \$1000 purse offered for the match.

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may get the spy's haul. Mr. was here and he found the course, has no knowledge as to is the complainant, but hopes not a resident of our city, for loth to think that we have enough to annoy and try to tear one of our most needed industries. The party, whoever it is, fails their object, for the warden saw that nothing had been done deserved a fine. In fact, it was sawdust at all that went into river, but planer shavings, and that could choke on them would to possess a mouth like a polli-

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