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MONDAY

That was a suggestive and inspiring bit of news that was flashed over the wires the other night telling of a congregation out in Saskatchewan, made up of men and women of differing creeds who "grew weary of sectarian controversy, and together and entered a church where all could worship together in common brotherhood." The despatch tells that the congregation includes Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists and Lutherans. We fail to see how they could have done a better thing.

As Christians they felt the need of a place where they could meet together and worship the Father of Spirits. One house would hold them all, the same light would enable them all to see and read, the same air would suffice for their lungs. These conditions would meet all the physical requirements of a place of worship for them all, quite as well as four church buildings on as many different lots, with trees and lights in each and at half the cost of the four. If the amount so saved, or half of it, were added to the preacher's salary it would probably do him no harm, if he were the right sort of a preacher.

As for the spiritual side of the question, Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists and Lutherans all believe in the one God and Savior, in their duties toward Him, and toward their fellowmen, and in one Bible. They would all accept St. James' definition of "pure religion and undefiled." They would all agree with Kipling in his great "Recessional," "Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice, an humble and a contrite heart." In the subjects and objects of prayer and praise they would be of one mind. And why then may they not join in worship together? As a matter of fact had they built four churches, a casual visitor to the town, who might drop in at the service in one of them would hardly know to what religious body he belonged except by the hymn-book.

Fortunately for the world the controversies between sects and creeds, rampant fifty years ago, a relic of the persecuting spirit of past ages, have been relegated to the background in these later years, while a spirit of brotherhood and mutual respect and regard has taken their place. Preachers and preachers have become interchangeable among those who are preaching one Gospel. This is alike in accord with "the common sense of most" and the highest wisdom. Agreeing upon the great essentials, why should differences of opinion upon minor matters and non-essentials keep men worshiping apart? It has usually been true that the less religion a man has the more critical and censorious he is with regard to the sincere religious beliefs and practices of others. As in the affairs of a state a rancorous party spirit may prove destructive to patriotism, so intolerance among the clergy and ministers are among the worst enemies of the Christian faith. We are glad therefore to find the different religious bodies coming together and becoming united whenever and wherever they may reach a state of such mutual charity and forbearance, as will enable them to live and work together.

The death of King Edward brings to the throne the Heir Apparent and eldest surviving son of the late monarch. Under the British system the change is automatic. There is not a moment of interregnum. The instant King dies the Heir to the Throne becomes King in fact and in law. So it was that when King Edward died near midnight of May 6, His Royal Highness George Frederic Ernest Albert, Prince of Wales, became King of the United Kingdom and Emperor of India. It is not at this writing known by which of his several names the King will choose to be proclaimed and known to the world, but the general impression seems to be that it will be George the Fifth.

The King was born June third 1867, and a little less than a month hence he will be forty-five years old. He is therefore a man in the prime of life and vigor. He was indeed a man of somewhat mature years—thirty-five years of age—when his grandmother, the good Queen Victoria, died and his father came to the throne. An incident of his accession is that the celebration of the King's birthday will hereafter fall on June 3rd King Edward in devotion to the memory of his mother, had relegated his own birthday to the back ground, in order that the 24th of May, so long joyously celebrated, might be kept first in honor. With this was the fact that his own birthday occurred at an unfavorable season of the year. It seems probable that he will not be crowned until the following year.

His Royal Highness, Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught, is a younger brother of the late King Edward and uncle to King George. He was born May 1, 1850, and was married in 1879 to Princess Louise Margaret, daughter of the late Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia. They have one son and two daughters, the elder daughter being married to the Crown Prince of Sweden. There is no doubt that at the outset, at least, the appointment of a Prince of the blood royal would be popular in Canada. Here and there being building movements to ask the Home Government to appoint the Duke of Connaught as successor to Earl Grey. But such action would involve a rather important departure in regard to appointments to the Governorship of overseas Dominions. No member of the royal family has ever been appointed as the Viceroy or Governor General of India, Canada or Australia.

The nearest approach thereto was the appointment of the Marquis of Lorne, son-in-law of Queen Victoria, as Governor General of Canada in 1878. The Marquis and Princess were welcomed to Canada in a very hearty

and loyal manner, but Lord Lorne's official term in Canada was not particularly happy in all respects so fortunate and happy as that of Lord Dufferin who preceded him or of Lord Lansdowne who followed him in official rotation. The appointment of a Prince as Governor General would be, as we have said, a new departure and something of an experiment. That experiment if tried and proved successful, would almost necessarily be followed by like appointments of royal personages as heads of the Australian Commonwealth and the Empire of India in years to come. If, on the other hand, the first appointment of this class turned out unfavorably, there would, in the nature of things, be some impairment of royal prestige, which the reversion to the old order of appointments would afterward accentuate.

It is not improbable that the Home Government may hold to the safer ground of not subjecting any member of the royal family to possible untowardness such as might arise from appointments of the kind referred to. It would seem to be enough that the King shall be required to moderate the counsels of contending parties and factions at home without his near relatives being placed in like difficult positions in the Dominions over sea at the same time. The appalling list of more than a thousand dead from the recent earthquake in Costa Rica brings again in to notice the King's life in tropical countries, from which our favored Dominion has been hitherto almost entirely exempt.

When William IV died and Queen Victoria came to the throne it was forty days before the momentous news reached Halifax and still longer before it was known in Charlottetown. The tidings were brought by a sailing packet. There were no electric cables, or swift ocean steamers in those days. The world has moved fast and far since then, yet there are a few things still left which are a reminder of the beginning of Queen Victoria's reign. Thackeray's Four Georges set the earlier Kings of that name in a sadly unfavorable light in literature and before the reading world. There has been no King John in England since more than 700 years ago to the monarch of that name rendered it odious to his people, and for a like reason no King of the name of Richard since Richard the Third. The four Georges were not so reprehensible as Thackeray painted them, but King George V shows some courage as well as a disposition to set the name of George in a better light by assuming that title.

Hon. Mr. Cumiskey, on seeing two citizens who had not always been on cordial terms, shaking hands with each other on the street just after King Edward's death, remarked that the sad event was not without its good results, both as between individuals and the nations of the earth. The sense of sorrow and loss which has overspread the world just now, has certainly tended to a more friendly and sympathetic feeling between the Empires, Kingdoms and Republics. Universal recognition of the ability and worth of Edward the Peacemaker is still a force making for peace after his life has ended. It has been said of Samson, the warrior, that he slew more of his country's foes at his death than in all his life. The like may be said of the Peacemaker as of the warrior.

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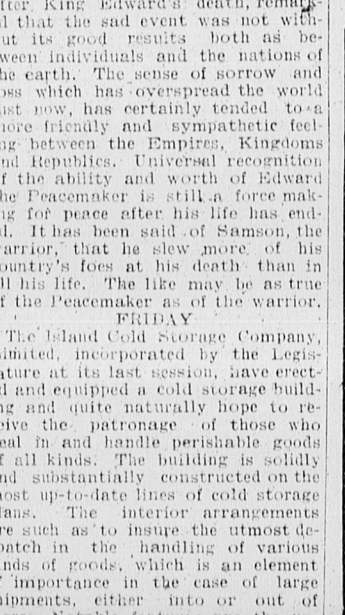
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ABOUT THE COMET. Up to May 15, says Prof. Pickering of Harvard, Halley's comet should be visible in the east, before sunrise, but daily approaching apparently, but not really, nearer to the sun. Then for five days it will be invisible in the bright light, because it will be passing between the earth and the sun.

On May 18, next Wednesday, the earth will pass through the comet's tail. After May 20 the comet will be seen for some weeks in the west after sunset as a much more brilliant and striking object than it has so far been. The comet is now moving at the rate of twenty-five miles a second, and the earth at the rate of eighteen miles a second, the comet's speed being about eighty times as great as that of a cannon ball. When we pass it at the nearest the comet will be 14,300,000 miles away.

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