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THE STATE OF RELIGION.

An address recently delivered by Mgr. T. J. Conaty of the Catholic University before the Emmanuel Club Boston has attracted much attention in the press. His subject was Character for the Twentieth Century and his principal argument appears to have been that the dangers which threaten character arise from an exaggerated idea of material things. To character morality is essential, and morality must spring from positive religion, which alone can inform conscience, teach responsibility and sanction law. In the literature of the times Mgr. Conaty finds a strong tendency towards animism or naturalism.

Almost simultaneously with this deliverance from a Catholic Prelate we have Rev. Dr. Thwing, an eminent Protestant theologian, who is President of the Western Reserve University of Cleveland, O., speaking of the marked falling off in the attendance at the Divinity School of his University. He attributed this falling off to two causes. One is the great inducements offered by commercial and industrial careers, while the other is the disturbance of doctrinal beliefs, and doubts as to the future relations of the church and society.

These two divines of different schools of thought apparently agree that religious interest is declining, and that by so much humanity is losing the benefit of a mighty power which was never more needed than it is to-day. There are many who share these views though all do not. But if it be true that religion is declining in the world, and material things are more and more occupying the minds of men and women to the exclusion of spiritual and moral things, may not one fruitful cause for the decline be found in the departure from the simplicity of the primitive church? Do not our creeds define too much? Is there not a general tendency to give undue importance to non-essentials, to irreligion and practice? We see from the controversies going on in our own columns, complaint that a portion of the Protestant Episcopal Church is more and more conforming to the ritual and practice of the Church of Rome. But is it not equally true that in Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches there is also a steady movement toward the liturgical churches? Has there not been in these churches a very marked change within fifty years past in the tone of the preaching, in the accent laid upon certain doctrines, has not silence fallen where before there was outspoken utterance, and vice versa?

We think any intelligent observer whose memory extends over forty or fifty years must have noticed a distinct drifting in the direction we have intimated. It has indeed become a matter of some friction in the so-called evangelical churches that they or some of them are from time to time admitting innovations in worship which are viewed by a portion of their membership as a reversion toward the practice of the older ritualistic churches. This drifting is at least coincident with the declining power of the churches in the community referred to in the first part of this article. It does not follow that the decline is a result of the change that we have noted, although there are some who think it is directly so, and who believe that the remedy is to be found in a return to the simplicity of the church of Apostolic days.

The Australian Colonies have quite outdone Canada in the matter of assisting the Mother Country in South Africa. They sent in all at first 8,200 men and have now 4,505 on the way or just landed making a total of 12,705 men. Not more than 2,000 of the Australians have yet returned home. New Zealand has sent six Contingents in succession. Thus with a less population than the Dominion, the Australian Provinces have sent four times as many men as Canada to South Africa, and 10,000 of them are still there.

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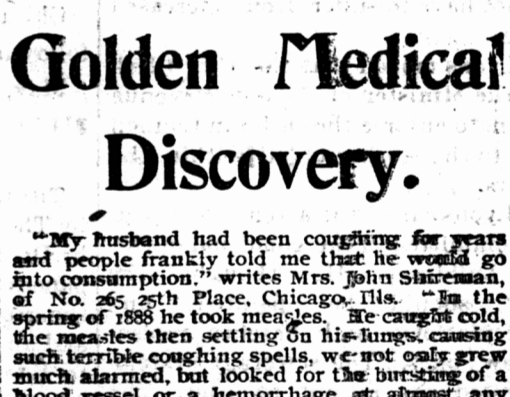
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