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MORE SERIOUS IS THE SITUATION

In Manchuria and the Far Eastern Asia

TROOPS ARE POURING IN

And the Air is Pregnant With Possibilities—No Pretence of Evacuating Manchuria.

THE RUSSIAN BEAR SHOWS HIS HAND.

LONDON, July 25.—(Special)—The Times prints a Pekin despatch commenting on the Manchurian situation which says that Russia's declaration on the opening of the Manchurian ports is interpreted in Pekin to mean that Russia will not permit China to enter into any engagements which may embarrass Russia where the territory finally becomes a Russian province; hence Russia's refusal to permit Manchuria to establish foreign settlements similar to those in the Chinese treaty ports.

JOINT NOTE STORIES ARE FICTIONS.

After describing the movement of the Russian troops to different points the despatch concludes by saying that the stories of the British-Japan joint note to Russia are fictions.

UNCERTAINTY CAUSES UNEASINESS.

At the present time no policy could be more reasonable or more self-restrained than Japan's but the uncertainty of the future causes some uneasiness.

TROOPS CROWDING TOWARDS PORT ARTHUR

LONDON, July 25.—(Special)—The Standard prints a despatch which says that the new Chinese trains are crowded with Russian troops going in the direction of Port Arthur, and that these trains are taking precedence over the normal traffic trains and that heavy guns and other artillery are also being sent.

AIR IS FULL OF RUMORS.

The air is full of rumors and the situation seems to be pregnant with possibilities. There is no pretence of evacuating Manchuria, but reinforcements are constantly arriving, and there is a continuous southward movement of troops and guns.

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REV. J. A. GORDON IS WELCOMED

By a Very Large Congregation Last Night

Who Listened with Deep Interest to an Eloquent Sermon in the Baptist Church.

The Baptist Church was crowded last night to hear Rev. J. A. Gordon, M.A., of Montreal, who is spending his holidays on the island. Besides his old congregation there were present many friends



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of the reverend gentleman from the other churches of the city. His sermon was a learned and eloquent exposition in defence of the optimistic theory of the world's progress.

Mr. Gordon's subject was "Why I am an optimist," and he took his text from Matt. 16:3: "But can ye not discern the signs of the times?"

In opening, he said: "We live in a world of ceaseless change, and the signs of the times indicate that we are not drifting in the direction of materialism and infidelity but in the direction of spirituality and faith." The preacher declared himself to be an optimist and gave the following reasons for his position:

First. The growing recognition of the defects of former scientific and philosophic speculations. Formerly these were exclusively materialistic. All beyond the periphery of the five senses was rejected. We are told of a famous scientific lecturer being desirous to answer the question, what is man? took his retort and reduced the human body by chemical analysis to its component parts. He then presented to his audience 23 lbs carbon, 2 lbs lime, 22 oz phosphorus and about one oz each of sodium, iron, potassium etc and apologized for not exhibiting some 5000 cubic feet of oxygen and 100,000 cubic feet of hydrogen and 52 cubic feet of nitrogen. Supposing all these could be presented yet that which could think, and speak, and love, and worship would still be absent. There is no thought without the soul of man and the soul of man is like God, it is a child of the infinite.

Now the spiritual or supernatural is recognized as the key that unlocks the door of knowledge to the recognized spiritual realm. To reject the spiritual or regeneration that explains the recognized spiritual fact is neither scientific nor philosophic.

Second. The change of the subjects of Baccalaureate sermons and addresses. The former popular subject used to be: "How to make a success of life." By success they meant the young man or woman to obtain wealth, position, in-

fluence, etc. The most frequent subjects now are: "How to be of the greatest service in the world; in short, to be altruistic. "Self" is now recognized as the centre of the brute life, "others" as the centre of the noblest manhood.

Thousands of educated young people now go out into the world with aims and activities keen to this higher ideal, taught to appraise life in the light of the spiritual and the eternal.

Third. The character of modern preaching. The preacher said that after being in the ministry for twenty-seven years, he could afford to make this defence for the younger preachers: "The young men are not going to pieces; they are advancing." He maintained that there was not a decline, but a steady advance in the intellectual and spiritual character of the present day preaching. Their way may be different in its form of expression, but it is the same in essence. There is no change in the physical, mental or moral nature of men.

Modern preaching appeals not only to the understanding, but to the spiritual instinct and moral sense of the hearer. It expounds, testifies and persuades in a true apostolic fashion.

Fourth. The attitude of the modern hearer. "He is not the original sermon taster and tester, the heresy hunter of the older days; he does not ask nor call for scientific theories in place of sermons; he has a passion for reality. He wants to know the thing itself, not to know about it merely. As an illustration of this the speaker gave the following:

Helen Keller, writing her first letter to Phillips Brooks, as she was emerging from her life of darkness and silence, fingered on her typewriter the longings of her soul, and voiced the earnest desire of humanity as she said: "Please tell me something that you know about God."

"An infant crying in the night, An infant crying for the light, And with no language but a cry."

Fifth. The enlarging conception of and deepening conviction among Christians concerning the kingdom of Christ. Imperialism is in the air, we are enveloped by it. Whether it is the best policy for the government to adopt or not is hard to say, but I am sure that it is the true and only policy in connection with the kingdom of Christ, that the kingdoms of the world may become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ.

Sixth. The practical response to this conception and conviction. First, in missionary effort during the last century. There are now on the mission field as representatives of the Christian churches of all denominations 83,536 missionary and native helpers, 13,529 churches organized in heathen lands, 29,417 stations opened, and 1,385,277 communicants. Second, in the growing benevolence. Fifty years ago the whole cost of the total contributions of Christians for all purposes was five hundred million dollars. Now it is one thousand million dollars, exclusive of contributions for educational and philanthropic enterprises. \$19,508,323 contributed to missions alone, and all this cheerfully given for the enthronement of Jesus Christ as Lord of all.

In conclusion, Mr. Gordon said that Christianity, like the rising waters of a universal tide, making steady and irresistible progress, will continue until the knowledge of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the deep. "Yes," he continued, "we live in a world of change, but its law is evolution, and its watchword progress."



W. H. F. GILL

Worthy President, Sons of England.

SONS OF ENGLAND DECORATE GRAVES

Of Their Brethren Who Have Passed Away

A Beautiful Service in Memory of the Deceased—A Large Wreath Hung on the Soldiers Monument.

The beautiful decoration day service of the Sons of England was appropriately observed yesterday afternoon in the Gardens and at the Peoples' Cemetery when the Soldiers' Monument and the graves of deceased brethren were decorated by wreaths, potted roses and Union Jacks.

The fine summer afternoon drew many spectators who listened with deep interest to the ceremonies and the music of the 4th Regiment Band.

At 2.15 the brethren of Lodges Eton and Prince Edward met at their Lodge Rooms, Victoria Row, and at a quarter after three, headed by the band, marched to the Gardens where the President, W. H. F. Gill, the Past President, G. W. Worthy, the Vice-President, Thomas Evans, and the Secretary, E. H. Duchemin with appropriate ceremony placed on the third base a magnificent 14 foot wreath in memory of late brother Roland D. Taylor.

The following was the ceremony in connection with the decoration.

President—"We have assembled in the Public Gardens today to demonstrate that we still hold in affectionate memory our Brother Englishman Roland D. Taylor, whose hand we were wont to grasp in fraternal greeting but whom it hath pleased Almighty God to call hence."

[Here the secretary gave the date of Brother Taylor's birth, joining the order and his death on the field of Pseudeberg, February 18, 1900.]

President—"Far from his native land he sleeps. Before we place upon this public monument a token that we still hold his memory dear, the chaplain will invoke God's blessing on our proceedings."

After prayer to the tune of "Nearer My God to Thee" the decoration upon the monument was made.

The procession then formed and proceeded to the Peoples' Cemetery where at a selected spot the band halted and formed a circle with Worthy President W. H. F. Gill, Past President G. W. Worthy and Chaplain H. Winchester in the centre.

The Worthy President then said: Brethren, the object of our assembling here to-day is to demonstrate that we still hold in affectionate memory those brother Englishmen whose hands we were wont to grasp in fraternal greeting, but whom it hath pleased Almighty God to call hence. Far from their native land they sleep within this sacred spot. Before we place upon their

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