

CHURCH UNION IS FAR OFF

Proposed Evangelical Union Fails in South Africa.

BIG REVIVAL STIRS CHIPPEWAS

Members Tell of Some Remarkable Conversions Among the Indians on White Earth Reservation in Minnesota.

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NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—(Special to The Bee.)—The plan for the organic union of the Evangelical churches of South Africa has failed, the general assembly of the Presbyterian church deciding against it.

In the opinion of many earnest and observant churchmen of all denominations, all such movements are bound to fail for many years to come at all events.

That there is a strange set towards church federation, the dividing up of work in which all Christian churches can labor together so that there shall be the least waste of effort and the least overlapping of effort, there can be no doubt, but that the time is ripe for organic union is open to grave doubt.

The only real differences now between the Evangelical churches are of church government. With consent of action which will avoid conflict of effort, and which is a question whether the organic union of the churches is really to be desired.

Indians Stirred by Revivalists. A remarkable religious awakening and a genuine old-fashioned revival with all the characteristics of earlier revivals have been in progress for two weeks at Duane, Minn., thirty miles from White Earth, in the very heart of the Indian reservation.

Strangers and government officials from Washington were somewhat surprised to see a large number of Indian tents and lodges pitched around the Methodist Episcopal church grounds at Duane, and night and day for over two weeks could be heard the singing of "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," "Rock of Ages," and other favorite hymns in the peculiar and melodious and plaintive Chippewa language.

Chief May-shu-shi-shi, head of all the Chippewas, was present, and the Rev. A. H. McKee, district superintendent, Fergus Falls, had a fine chair placed in the church, where the big chief could rest himself and hear the gospel of the Great Spirit. The chief is old and deeply wrinkled, but stately and very friendly to the white people, and has been a Christian for thirty-four years.

In an eloquent story in the church he told of his conversion to Christ. He stretched out his long, bony hands, the chief said: "Our only hope of ever getting justice from the white man lies in our being true to the Great Spirit, Jesus Christ. All other appeals have failed."

"Whenever I am asked the government for anything I have first prayed the Great Spirit for guidance, and have never asked for anything for myself. Four times I have been to Washington, but not once have I got anything for myself or family—always for my people. I always pray to God to help us get justice and the best thing for the Indian."

PREPARED FOR LIFE'S DUTIES

German Housewives Thoroughly Trained in Domestic Pursuits and Economics.

The young girl of the working class in Germany comes to marriage with a box full of beautifully made garments, every stitch put in by her own fingers, and a thorough practical knowledge of the way in which a woman of modest means lives, writes Frances H. Lowe in London Mail.

But a considerable number of girls go into workrooms today, dressmaking and millinery being especially popular, and they, too, it is being everywhere recognized, must prepare for their future dominion. In Baden the girl dressmaker must go to the continuation school for three years. Of course, the school is primarily a trade school in which the girl is taught the principles of her trade in its place of picking them up as best she can in the workshop; but general knowledge and housewifery form part of the curriculum, and, as everywhere in Germany, the teaching is thorough.

One knows how unromantic ideas that are cherished in the upper ranks of society come to be held by those below. This knowledge that the hausfrau is a thoroughly accomplished hausfrau and enjoys all duties pertaining to this character has had an excellent tonic effect upon all classes of women; and the fact that the young daughter of the emperor has attended cookery classes in Berlin and is a good cook has spread throughout the length and breadth of Germany.

I may say here that the cooking taught these girls in the schools is most practical. They not only learn upon precisely the same simple stove as that found in every artisan's cottage, and with one or two indispensable utensils found in the humblest homes, but in addition they have the benefit of a most carefully arranged and wonderfully practical curriculum. They learn to make three or four good nutritious soups, and the cost of the material and their value as a family meal are so clearly and impressively driven home that the foundations of the thrifty housewife are there and then laid.

In an English village school last summer I found "cookery" was being taught. I asked a girl of fourteen to make an inexpensive nourishing stew, breast meat being the selected. She expressed her inability, saying she had "learned this last term"; but she undertook to make two kinds of tart. Now the German girl of this age would probably be unable to make even a good tart, but she would never have learned to make half a dozen good, wholesome, nourishing dishes, even though she may leave school knowing nothing more.

One morning about 11 I unexpectedly visited the home of a workwoman. The father earned 25 marks a week (rather less than \$25), and there were three daughters, of whom two, after being trained, were earning one 13 marks a week, the other less. All told, the mother had what would be equivalent to about \$25 a week, out of which rent, food, light, coal, and everything but the dress of the two elder girls and the man's personal expenses, beer, tobacco, etc., came. They had a flat, a most nice, airy one, fit for the most fastidious person, consisting of a good-sized kitchen, with a little scullery containing a copper, two fair-sized bedrooms, a little dining room for meals and a small parlor. For this they paid \$14 rent and taxes. Everything was beautifully clean, though the beds were not made, for which the wife apologized, saying it was "washing" day.

Presently the husband, who had gone off at 6:30 after a roll and hot coffee, with two slices of the pleasant and wholesome black bread, in between which was wurst (sausage) in his pocket, came in with the two daughters. At 12:30 they all sat down to a good meal, but there was no meat. Instead there was a most palatable thick soup, in which potatoes were clearly recognizable, followed by a potato salad. At the abundance (evening meal), which took place at 7:30, some meat made its appearance; there was also some dish which compelled me to relate I thought very repulsive, made, I fancy, of chopped suet principally, and some excellent coffee. The girls were immaculately clean, and, as I have said, were washing dresses made with the utmost simplicity. The mother told me that till the girls started earning she had made every stitch of their clothing as well as her own, and everything worn was very simply made and perfectly clean. There was not a scrap of "finery" in the whole place, no cheap, shoddy lace or fur, feathers or trimmings. Moreover, the mother kept accounts of every penny spent, and when I expressed my surprise said "every hausfrau she knew did the same."

As I do not wish anyone to believe that I am unfairly painting the picture couler de rose, I will say here that wherever I went I heard complaints of the increasing cost of living and of the number of married women compelled to work at frightfully low wages. There are no women's trade unions. And it is curious to note that almost all of the necessities of life are dearer and that the real comfort almost universally enjoyed is entirely due to capable management allied to knowledge on the part of the German woman.

A large part of German prosperity, I am convinced, is due to the typically capable, well equipped hausfrau of the working class, to whom the crafts of the home are a real pleasure and pride.

NEW STYLES FOR AUTO WEAR

Cold Season Unshowered In with Classy Garments for the Women Motorists.

The clothes question is one which faces the woman motorist at present, for these cold, crisp, biting days demand much clothing, and of the wind-proof kind. One will have no difficulty in finding a wide variety from which to choose; in fact so generous are the offerings put forth in the shops this fall that one is almost bewildered by the extravagant display of motor apparel, says the Empire State Motorist.

Expense alone will serve to bar women from making a most attractive showing, but even then a limited allowance can be made to meet the demands of motoring if thought is displayed. Comfort and warmth must be the first things considered. Quite the newest accessory put forth this season is the new motor corset, made not unlike the Jersey stays. A substantial silk rubber is used in its place and very few bones are to be found in its construction. This new article ought to make a strong appeal, both from a hygienic and comfort viewpoint.

Flannel waists cannot be surpassed for winter wear—they are warm against the skin, do not wrinkle and are easily laundered. Very stunning patterns are shown, too—stripes, checks and plain—but the former lend themselves much better to a smart cut than the latter. Exceedingly attractive is a model made in exact replica of a man's business flannel shirt, with yoke to which the waist part is shirred, large armholes, double cuffs and collar. A set of stunning stock pins, buttons and smart ties add vastly to the "fit" appearance of this sporting garment. Not far behind these manufacturers are the bootmakers, who have designed high topgear especially for those who motor. They are made of heavy pigskin on a sensible last, hand-sewed, and come half way to the knee, perfectly protecting the ankles and legs from cold winds.

A new motor coat of biscuit hopsacking is being shown by an importer in New York. It is trimmed with white leather collar and belt and has large white pearl buttons fastening the coat at the side. Some very pretty veillings are those made in a double weave chiffon, two and a half yards long by one yard wide. On one side it shades from a deep smoke-gray to an orange, and on the other side it is just reversed. A white chiffon veil has a deep border of cashmere shawl design.

From Paris comes a new motor purse made of pearl colored glass leather and having a gray silk lining with gold clasp. The inside is most fascinating in its surprises and conveniences. The usual compartments for bills, change and visiting cards, silver mounted vinaigrettes, powder box and little puff are there, but as a new attraction the other side contains a pair of chased silver mounted goggles, a little tablet with pencil attached and a box for postage stamps. All this is compactly arranged in a purse not six inches square—New York Times.

Great care should be taken that the hands be carefully protected this cold weather, lest they become chapped and rough. The glove makers have seen to it that women shall not lack in variety. Brown, gray, gunmetal, and black are made up in a heavy kid, hand-stitched and presenting a well-groomed effect. Chamol gloves are always in fashion and most economical for those who have success in washing them.

CRITICAL REMARKS

Casting reflections doesn't always prove one's brightness.

The proof of the pudding is in the amount that isn't left over. Too many people permit regret for the past to overshadow hope of the future. A slacker is a man who always looks for something crooked in a straight tip. When a fellow is slippery it is sometimes necessary to walk over him rough shod. The things that seem to last longest with us are the shortcomings of other people. The man who sticks to his guns is never regarded as a good conversationalist. Lots of people are opposed to the theater on religious grounds—because it costs too much.

Would you say that a man leads a fast life when he is tied to his wife's apron strings? Superstition is what prompts a person to believe there is more luck in a horseshoe over the door than in a lock and key—New York Times.

Corset Bulletin

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