



Motto: "Non Inferiora Secuti."

SOCIETAS

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CHURCH BELLS.

(By P. R. Westley.)

How often the duty of tolling the Church bell is left to some small boy who rings it with little or no thought of the deeper purposes of its use. These few lines are then written pointing out the devotional use or the true purpose of the Church bell.

First, in the paragraphs "concerning the service of the Church" in the Prayer Book (which paragraphs it is feared few ever read) these words occur:—"And the Curate . . . shall cause a bell to be tolled . . . that the people may come to hear God's Word and pray with him."

Secondly, in a hymn, composed partly by Rev. J. M. Neale, D.D. (an Anglican Priest who lived in the middle of the 19th century, and who, by his hymns and sermons, has ever been a means of God's blessing and comfort to many troubled ones) we read these words:—

"Christian men shall hear at distance, in
their toil or in their rest,
Chimes that tell in one communion of one
Church they too are blessed."

The hymn goes on to speak of the comfort which the bell brings to those on beds of illness, in pain and trouble. It reminds such of the services to which they have been accustomed to go in the days of their health, and is one of the means whereby they are carried there in spirit and their assurance of the prayers of their fellow Christians for those "in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity."

Further, we read in Longfellow's "Evangeline" of the comfort conveyed by the notes of the bell afar off—

"Distant and soft on her ear fell the
chimes from the belfry of Christ
Church,

Soft as descending wings fill the calm of
the hour of her spirit."

So, then, let the Church bell be rung in such a spirit as has been thought of above. No doubt these thoughts are in the minds of many a parish priest as he tolls his bell day by day for his Offices, at which seldom many are present of his people, but God is there and His Angelic Host.

"SOCIETAS."

The students of Moore Theological College, feeling the need of an official organ, decided to enter into the literary world, of course, in a modest way. So it was determined a College "sheet" should be issued once a term. Their business minds led them to act in a business way, so they appointed an editor, whose duties will be light because there will be quite an army of contributors on the literary staff. That, in brief, is the history, and method of management, of what we have before us to-day in the form of a College journal, styled "Societas." It has been launched amid much enthusiasm among the students, and our hope is that the enthusiasm will grow, and as "Societas" ages it may grow in size and power, and become not only a recorder of events from time to time, but that it may have a binding force which will unite the students past and present. That is the purpose for which the venture has been made, and now "Societas" is born the hope is it will fulfil all that is expected of it, and this it will do if those who are the guiding minds take our College motto as their guide, "Non Inferiora Secuti."

CONGRATULATIONS.

I congratulate the College on the advent of a College magazine, and I sincerely hope that the new venture will be in every way successful and increasingly useful. This latest development is a sure sign of progress, for it is the outcome of a growing esprit de corps, whilst it emphasises the corporate character of student life and constitutes a new bond of fellowship.

Further, the magazine will become a link between past and present students, and will unite all more closely to their Alma Mater. The sons of Moore College are scattered far and wide, and I am sure they will greatly value such a connecting link. Now through the pages of the magazine they will be able to renew acquaintance with old friends and fellow-students.

I welcome the magazine because it should help to make the College and its work for the Church in Australia more widely known and more highly appreciated.

The advent of the magazine is very opportune coming as it does at the time when a great effort to raise a Thanksgiving Peace Offering is to be made, which should ensure a satisfactory endowment for the foundation which is of vital importance to the future life of the Church and which has been too long neglected.

May the magazine live long and prosper.

A. E. TALBOT,

Dean of Sydney.

A LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

The greatest and most important section of the proposed Peace Treaty is that which deals with a League of Nations. Throughout America and our own Empire the idea of a League of Nations has taken firm root, and it speaks well for the spiritual vision of President Wilson and other leaders that amid the many absorbing problems of the Confer-

ence, they have placed this section first and advanced it as the only condition of future peace.

The phrase "League of Nations" is in itself vague; but the fundamental idea, as set forth in the Peace Treaty, is that in the future the nations of the world shall join together in order to settle all disputes or differences that arise without recourse to war. This is a bold scheme, but one which is possible. It is a recognition of the Christian principle that reason and not force ought to be the supreme arbiter in international relations. Loyalty to the League will involve the abandonment of every form of Imperialism, the abolition of compulsory military service, and the strict limitation of armaments in all countries. It is hopeless to expect permanent peace by the application of these limitations to Germany alone, and I am disappointed that the Treaty does not boldly advance a scheme of definite reduction of armaments all round. This no doubt will follow, but why not now?

The chief difficulty in the way of any league of world-federation is that it appears "to set bounds to the mind of a nation." The League of Nations is a supernatural authority, and the nations which compose it would clearly have to submit to many restrictions which they would not dream of before the war. But this would be merely the application of the Christian law that in losing our life we find it, and that in self-suppression we reach our highest development. Surely the highest conception of a nation is that it does not exist for the financial and political welfare of its members, but as a trust from God for the service of humanity at large. This conception is emphasised in the League of Nations. There is no alternative proposal to this which can promise permanent peace. We must be prepared to sacrifice much that we value for the sake of the ideal, but the gain is worth more than the price paid. We must remind ourselves and our friends of the Christian significance of a League of Nations. As followers of Christ we should welcome every attempt to maintain the peace of the world. We are members of a kingdom which is international and whose principle of power and dominion is love and not force. So then if we have faith in Christ we must be advocates of a new international order which is founded on a basis of mutual trust and self-sacrifice. Above our country stands the Kingdom of God, whose ruling ideas are Love, Peace, and Justice. Christianity alone can save the world if it is applied fearlessly to international intercourse; and the ideal of a League of Nations is one which commends itself to all who follow Him Who exhorts us to love one another.—Thomas Quigley.

"SOMEWHERE."

It was a tiny little chapel—very beautiful—tucked away in the heart of a big city. Every Wednesday evening a Mission Service was held there—short and in full simplicity, and all who came found there a refreshing influence. Last Wednesday the preacher who led our meditations told us in exquisitely simple language of the need for consecrating the common-place. He told of the

child set in the midst, and in a Sydney torn with the strife of tongues he whispered tenderly to us of the priceless of the simple, true heart. Mostly, I imagine, were lowly mothers in that little evening chapel who had striven hard to implant in their children that of which the preacher had spoken. But he had good cause in the Sydney of to-day to plead for the special consecration of child-life to God.

The sweet little service ended—the Benediction was given, and we broke company.

I came out into the chill damp. There were groups of bare-legged and bare-footed children standing round the “two-up” school which lined the lane. Sounds of night carousals from drunken parents came down a dingy street opposite. The picture-houses flaunted the titles of their bloodthirsty melodramas, and everywhere one saw human waste. What a dreadful account Sydney must give to humanity and to God for these scraps, and waifs, and strays, and broken earthenware. The preacher in the tiny chapel had certainly touched the spot.

But something had gone wrong in the great city. I am no philosopher. Even if I were I should not attempt to diagnose Sydney’s sadness. But I thought she had forgotten that “a Child was born,” and in this small and helpless Babe was stored all the strength needed for the cleansing of her streets.

I came back to that little service in the chapel. There, indeed, one saw the Church of England at her best. Shorn of ceremonial, it sounded the true evangelical note. The preacher urged the truth that the personal relationship to Christ is everything. And if that dear little chapel, and the great Mother Church which it represents, may change and surrender many things during the oncoming years, I pray that she may never surrender her special gift of telling the love of a personal Christ to sorrowing women and saddened men.—Alan L. Whitehorn.

GIFT TO THE COLLEGE.

The College has received a gift of linen for the Holy Table from the Matron of the Carrington Hospital, Camden. It was used for the first time on Easter Day. The staff and students are very grateful for such a beautiful contribution to the Chapel appointments. The set was on view during the afternoon of the tennis tea and it was much admired, especially by the ladies. Perhaps some other friend might follow such a good example. The Chapel needs an oak Credence Table, also a pair of oak chairs to be uniform with the Holy Table.

MARRIAGE.

On December 30 of last year our acting Vice-Principal (Rev. Thomas Quigley, M.A.) took unto himself a wife, the happy bride being Cicely, the only daughter of Mr. F. H. Molesworth, of Artarmon. The marriage was performed in St. Philip’s Church, Sydney, by the Right Rev. Dr. Pain, who was assisted by the Principal of the College, the Venerable Archdeacon Davies, M.A. The

Rev. A. L. Whitehorn, M.A., with Miss Millar, were the groomsmen and bridesmaid respectively. After the union was effected, the guests were received by the bride and bridegroom and the bride’s parents at Petty’s Hotel, where also the wedding breakfast was provided and happy and complimentary speeches were made with reference to the newly-wedded. The College students were invited and represented. We all wish Mr. Quigley and his wife a long life and a happy one.

TENNIS TEA.

Saturday afternoon, 3rd May, saw our tennis court a bright and festive scene. The social committee of the College had arranged for a tennis afternoon. The event was carried through in such a way that everybody enjoyed themselves. Several games, both doubles and singles, were played. It was the students’ afternoon, but the Acting Vice-Principal (Rev. A. L. Whitehorn, M.A.) provided the edibles. Our guests were the Very Reverend the Dean of Sydney and Mrs. Talbot, and the Reverend the Principal and Mrs. Davies. We regretted the unavoidable absence of the late Acting Vice-Principal and his wife. A musical programme was provided, in which Miss G. Tilley sang “Carmina” and “White Moon.” Miss Clarke-Smith played an instrumental piece, and those of the students with musical ability also did their share, and Kingston danced an Irish Jig. A feature of the afternoon was four of the students taking part by making a set of doubles, each appearing in fancy costume. Parsons accompanied the items by the College musical society.

A RECEIPT FOR A SERMON.

“Take some scraps out of the best books you have, weigh them, and sift them thoroughly; then divide them into three parts, work these well, and handle them neatly, but neither mince nor chop them. Season the whole with a due proportion of salt—put in nothing that is too hard or difficult to digest, but let all be clear and candid. It should have some fire, for that will raise it, and prevent its being too heavy. You may garnish it with a few flowers, but not so thickly as to hide the substance: take care it be not overdone; for, as it is the last thing served up, if it be not inviting, some of the company may not taste thereof. In a hard frost or extreme cold weather it should be done in twenty minutes; when more temperate, it may take half an hour. If it be done in a quarter of an hour, it is fit for a king.”—Dr. Salter.

IN THE PRESS.

“The Church and the Plain Man”—which is the text of the Moorhouse Lectures, delivered by Principal D. J. Davies, M.A. The book will be published on good paper, neatly bound, and in it will be found abundant information and reasoning well put. Price 5/-.

The College Annual Report.—This time it will contain a report for two years. Beside

containing the usual matter with the group photo, there is to be space devoted to inserting a photo of the tennis court, indicating belief in the proverb, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

BRIEF MENTION.

The College goes into vacation on May 23, and begins the Trinity term on June 13.

The first week of Trinity term will be devoted to examinations.

Deepest sympathy is extended to our fellow student Cameron, who has been bereaved of his sister.

Through the generosity of the Senior Student the College hall is embellished with a neat board indicating the position of the players in the tennis ladder competition.

Bishop Pain preached the sermon at the opening of the Easter term, and also conducted the "quiet hour" in the evening. It was a time of spiritual blessing.

The Dean has promised to give us a lecture on the subject, "The sins of the fathers shall be visited upon the children of the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me."

Preachers at the devotional hour on the Fridays in this term were:—Rev. W. J. Cakebread, B.A., Rev. A. H. Garnsey, M.A., the Dean of Sydney, Rev. P. A. Micklem, Rev. H. W. Mullens.

The College quadrangle, with its border of flowers and foliage, never looked better. There are whispers the Principal is very satisfied (even a little proud) with the results the student gardeners have effected.

We understand that within the near future the College, Chapel, and residence will be lighted by electricity. All the students will say "Amen" to that, especially in regard to the Chapel.

Like all other combinations of persons, the College has its wag—possibly more than one. For evidence of this, take a periodical glance at the notice board in the hall. The skit on the "Procrustian Bed" must be awarded the blue.

Several of the students have formed themselves into a singing club, styling themselves "The Moore College Choral Society." Just at present the College is fortunate in possessing quite a number of students with musical and vocal talents.

So far the staff and students have escaped the influenza. Indeed, there has been a remarkable absence of sickness of any kind. The indoor men, in fact all of us, in the matter of health are under the observant eye of Mrs. Davies. That counts for much.

The Principal has received an interesting letter from Satchell from Belgium. He was one of 200 out of a list of 800 on the way to Belgium who escaped the influenza. He, in company with those escaping, acted as nurse.

The A.S.C.U. (College branch), during the past three weeks has been studying Rogers' "Principles of Parish Work." Adey took the first chapter and gave an exposition of it and his views as well, which were afterwards discussed. McPherson took the second chapter, and Kingston the third—which were similarly dealt with.

Our Acting Vice-Principal is the Chaplain to the City Road Emergency Hospital for influenza patients. It is one of the largest, and entails a lot of work. During the illness of the Rev. Clive Statham, our Principal attended the sick and dying at the Children's Hospital, Thomas Street.

Jumping is additional to our usual sports programme. During one of the short recesses between lectures the Dean challenged his students to a jumping contest. Gowns were off, and the challenge accepted, and notwithstanding the disparity in age, the Dean upheld his challenge by clearing 6ft. 6in. It is evident from his gait, and his attitude that day, the Dean has been a student in other subjects than Theology.

Extract from an "Evidence" lecture:—"As people's idea of comfort vary widely, the cult of comfort means for one to be comfortable is to make another uncomfortable." Explanation:—"A gramophone churning out music (?) may bring comfort to one, while to another it would cause much discomfort." Laughter, continued laughter, indicating that a gramophone was on the premises comforting some and discomforting others.

We have had papers to write on "original sin." Some have written profusely, some have written scantily. The marks, of course, have varied. But one student lays claim to having made the matter quite clear in a statement comprising six lines. The Principal informs us clearness is three-parts of the art in answering questions. We presume a little alpha in red ink graced that sheet, and the "Go on," which at times is additional to our marks, was absent from the paper with the clear statement.

The students have held two functions apart from the tennis tea, during this term, of a social character: the picnic at Boyle Park on May 1st, when a most enjoyable time was spent, and the social gathering in the College dining hall, held on the evening of May 15. To the latter the deaconesses were invited, who attended with Miss Wright. A guessing competition, with a varied programme of musical items and recitations, and refreshments at the close, was the order of procedure.

"K-K-K-a-t-y"—Born April 1; died April 30. While she lived she was over-worked.