

EVANGELISM IS PRONOUNCED A FAILURE IN UNITED STATES; SOME OF THE CASES EXPLAINED

Evangelism has failed in this country.

It has failed because of the sport craze, "churchianity," instead of christianity, radio and the automobile, too much emphasis on the social gospel, the spirit of commercialism, modernism in religious, and expensive denominational programs.

That is what 100 leading evangelists say in replying to a questionnaire sent out by Charles Stelzle, publicity representative of various religious organizations, and quoted in the press.

Contrary to general opinion, "it was the almost unanimous opinion of the evangelists," says Mrs. Stelzle, "that men are more spiritually minded than women when once they are 'converted,' that it is increasingly difficult to interest women in religion and that the interest of women in religion is comparatively superficial, there being more 'backsliding' among women than among men."

Mr. Stelzle recites:

"Nearly all of those questioned admitted that evangelistic work is becoming more difficult, that the number of 'converts' is distressingly small, and those who are still doing evangelistic work professional are not engaged more than half the time.

"Thirty others who did not reply to the questionnaire in detail said they had given up evangelism because they could no longer make a living in this field."

The average income of evangelists, we read, is about \$3,000 yearly, with "free-will offerings" much smaller than ten years ago.

"Most of the evangelists of today are preaching sermons which they made twenty years ago," said Mr. Stelzle. "This applies particularly to sermons on 'questionable amusements,' such as theater-going, dancing, and card-playing, altho most of them nowadays seem to spend their abuse on motionpictures and Sunday baseball. Practically all of the evangelists are fundamentalists in their theology."

While many evangelists "could be counted uneducated," we read, "some of them are men of high scholastic standing. About 90 per cent. are ordained ministers."

Evangelistic methods are no longer in use in most of the New York churches, the study reveals. What evangelistic effort is made in centered mostly in the Middle Western States. The next in importance is the South. In the East about one-third as many campaigns are conducted as in the Middle West, and the fewest are held in the Western section of the country.

In reply to the question as to what percentage of results are obtained today as compared with the earlier period in their experience, the evangelists say that their effectiveness has decreased from 80 per cent. down to 10 per cent, altho it is claimed by many that, while there are fewer "converts", they are of a better type.

It is generally admitted, we read that the present unpopularity in the churches regarding evangelism and evangelists has been brought on by the evangelists themselves.

"There is a strong feeling," Mr. Stelzle, "that nothing but the 'old-time religion' will ever change conditions. By this is meant the message which the evangelists have been preaching for a generation and which apparently, has not succeeded in winning audiences."

But is the tale of these evangelists a real reason for discouragement?

The Hartford Journal wonders if Mr. Stelzle recalls the answer given when Jehovah said, "What dost thou here, Elijah?"

It was, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, God of Hosts, because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, because, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life to take it away."

The Journal comments pointedly: "Elijah did not add that his salary was falling below something like 300 shekels; he was mostly con-

cerned with the indifference shown to Jehovah, but worship of Jehovah revived despite the ebb of which the prophet had complained.

"Evangelism is now approaching the vanishing-point. We see no Jonathan Edwards or George Whitefield and we do not find churches which depend upon evangelism crowded, either in the morning or in the evening.

"We have not witnessed it for some time, for it was years ago that Matthew Arnold wrote of the 'sea of faith' once at the full—

"Now I only hear
Its melancholy, long, withdrawing
roar,
Retreating to the breath
Of the night wind down the east
edges drear
And naked shingles of the world."

"And yet one may bid Mr. Stelzle 'not to be sorry as those without hope,' to quote from an ancient evangelist, but to recall that when religion seemed at a very low ebb in England a clergyman, young then, created a revival without realizing what he did.

"His name was Wesley and we think it likely that Mr. Stelzle has heard of him.

The mind of a man does not move along straight lines, but rather in a circle, and revivals may return."

Ceased To Exit

The professional evangelist is a product of a condition which has largely ceased to exist, explains the Dallas Morning News, and he is passing because new times require new methods. In pioneer days, says that paper, ministers were scarce, and when circuit riders came at uncertain intervals, preaching to a simple people a simple message of sin, damnation, repentance, salvation and peace," the whole countryside gathered in to hear them. Those methods fell into disrepute, we read, and—

The reaction from the methods of revivalism has gone against the Church's message also.

But men still sin, still suffer for it, and still are anxious about their responsibility to Deity for the things done in the success of revivalism will be vivalism,' in which the Church will undertake to keep vigorously alive against merely coming back to life periodically."

Are people really less religious now than they used to be? asks the Albany Knickerbocker Press, apropos of Mr. Stelzle's statements, and then answers:

It is extremely doubtful if people are any less religious than they ever were. We are not among those who believe that the new revelations of science have weakened the religious faith of any considerable number of people.

Religious faith remains about as it is from one generation to another; only the forms and manifestations change."

DIET TALK IS MAINLY BOSH' SNAPS EXPERT

Washington, Nov. 9—Dr. Louise Stanley is not only a capable physician but also chief of the bureau of home economics at Washington. What she doesn't know about food, calories vitamins and such isn't worth knowing, and it gives her a large pain when she hears people blab about this or that food disagreeing with them.

She is strong for good food and plenty of it and gets quite out of patience with persons who have axes to grind and the dolts who follow them in dieting.

Much Talk Just Bosh

"Much of this talk about certain food disagreeing with people is bosh," she snaps. "Many likes and dislikes are basically psychological and there has been far too much analysis of the diet question by people who didn't know what they were talking about. Of course, we should remember that

OPENING OF AMHERST FAIR MANY ATTEND

Amherst, N. S., Nov. 10—The first record of the Maritime Winter Fair was established on Saturday when more than 2,000 people entered the building to attend the track and field sports, the vaudeville acts and horse show and to inspect the general excellence of the twenty-seventh annual fair. Away to this start, there is every expectancy that Monday, with the official opening will draw the greatest crowds ever assembled at the fair. Hon. W. L. Hall, attorney-general for Nova Scotia, will deliver the inaugural address at 2.45 p. m.

Directors of the fair and the Amherst exhibition committee will tender Hon. Mr. Hall a luncheon immediately after his arrival, and will later accompany him to the memorial monument, where he will lay a wreath. In a procession headed by the Odd Fellows' silver band, with an escort from the Cumberland Highland Regiment, Hon. Mr. Hall and officials will proceed to the fair buildings and commence the program of the afternoon.

Judging This Morning

Judging will commence Monday morning in the swine, poultry, foxes and beef cattle classes, while in the afternoon, following the inaugural proceedings, several of the leading horse classes will be judged. Lighting conditions will determine the opening of the prize ring for fixes. A judging ring with a regular grandstand has been constructed in the new building devoted to this entry.

All entries are here, with the exception of some poultry and the Short-horn herd of Amos and Black, of Moffat, Ont. These noted breeders planned on having their two carloads of Short-horns here tonight and in position at a late hour this evening in readiness for the judging in the morning, James Douglass, of Caledonia, will again judge the beef classes, while Herbert Warrington, of Cornwall, will again act as arbiter in the poultry classes. David Greeg, of Howick will judge both light and draught horses. Other judges are John Gardhouse, sheep; Smith Hilton, Nappan, Jerseys; James Douglas, Toronto, swine, and Dr. Jenkins, Morton, Ont., Guernseys. In the foxes, L. D. MacKenzie, E. Monkeley and W. H. Taylor will judge the Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick entries, respectively.

Tug Of War Feature

The tug of war Monday night will be one of the leading attractions of the entire fair and the two first pulls will be between two of the best teams in the Maritimes, Brentwood, of Colchester, and the No. 1 Rolling Mill team of the Canadian Car and Foundry Company. Sackville waterworks and Botsford parish will also hold an elimination pull for the Maritime catchweight championship Monday night.

This is the season when a yawning coal bin causes insomnia.

even digestive palatability plays an important part. But many of these likes and dislikes are imaginary and develop into foolish food idiosyncrasies. Children can and do form harmful likes and dislikes because they see their parents turn up their noses at certain foods, make disparaging remarks and even refuse good nourishment.

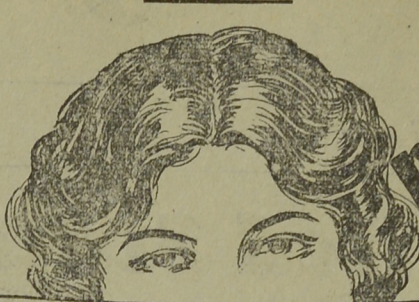
"The gospel we preach about food is to get the proper proportion of the essential food elements during the course of a day or week. It makes little difference what foods they are obtained from. People should eat plenty of vegetables, fruits, fresh foods, poultry, fish and other sea foods, eggs milk, cheese, cereals, sugar foods, candy, chocolates—in fact, anything that is clean and wholesome."

Pines for Old Custom

Dr. Stanley is strong for discouraging foolish notions and whims by children as to what they shall eat and what they shan't eat and what they like and what they don't like.

And she pines and sighs a little mite for the good old days when youngsters were supposed to clean their plates and thank God for a square meal, incidentally praising Ma for preparing it and Pa for rustling the makings. And on top of it all she says that it is just as true today as when Napoleon first uttered it, and that is that "An army fights on its stomach."

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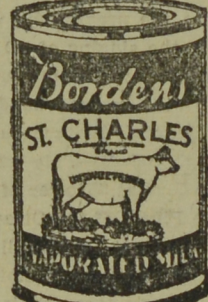
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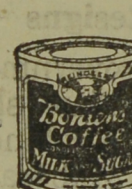
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