

"Dr. Temple Will Hasten Christian Unity"

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serious expression of Christian opinion. It would be no trivial matter with the certainty of a steady fall in voluntary contributions from the laity, but I believe that, if it were proposed by the Archbishop, it would be welcomed by a considerable portion of the clergy.

The welcome would be the readier if the Archbishop implemented another of the Malvern proposals which means sacrifice from the laity. This was the suggestion of a Third Order "which would enable men and women to live under a definite discipline and rule while following the ordinary profession of life." The business of this Third Order would be to quicken the Christian social conscience and to organise Christian support for what Dr. Temple has himself called the Christian revolution. Again I am convinced that, with his leadership, the Third Order would at once attract a large adherence. I say this because of the number of Malvern Groups that have come into existence during the past year. It is significant that these groups have attracted Free Church people and Roman Catholics as well as members of the Church of England.

"Unity is Being Reached"

It is indeed in the common eagerness that this bad world shall be made better that Christian unity is being reached, and it will assuredly be hastened by Dr. Temple. He is a definite Churchman with a deep regard for the Catholic heritage of the English Church, but he is definitely *persona grata* with the Non-conformists, and where he leads, a great many of them will follow.

The administrative reforms in the Church of England, that Malvern asserted are necessary, are not easy to envisage. The canonical government of the Church belongs to the Convocations of Canterbury and York, each with a

House of Bishops and a House of Clergy. The Houses of Clergy consists of ex-officio members and elected proctors. As the poorer clergy cannot afford two or three visits a year to London or York, the ordinary incumbents are under-represented and the unbeneficed are not represented at all.

The Church Assembly, brought into being by the Life and Liberty Movement, of which Dr. Temple was the leader in the 'twenties, has no jurisdiction in matters of doctrine and order, but is concerned with the more mundane administration. It consists of three Houses, the clergy of the two provinces, with an elected House of Laity which, again necessarily, is made up of the leisured and well-to-do. I confess that I have not a notion how the Church could have really representative government, and for the moment, that does not matter very much. The Assembly has sometimes been useful and sometimes short-sighted and reactionary. Under Dr. Temple's guidance, its usefulness may be considerably increased.

His Larger Vision

It will be one of his insistent pre-occupations to bring a far larger part of the nation within the Church. Two things are immediately necessary. The services are remote from the common life, and need modernising, and largely because of the failure of the theological college the clergy are too often ill-equipped and ill-disciplined. There is another big job of work here for the new Primate.

What he can do is by no means confined to things ecclesiastical. He is pledged to real education, and where necessary, adequate meals for all children, with vocational training to the age of 18, and he has set out a plan for housing more thorough than anything likely to have occurred to Lord

Reith. Both these good things could be forwarded from his place in the House of Lords.

His larger vision of economic security, genuine freedom, land reform, and the limitation of profits for the benefit of the workers may not yet be practical politics, but it is to be remembered that the Fisher Education Act was passed during the last war.

Dr. Temple takes his place with the successors of St. Augustine with one big asset. The people both in and outside the Church are sure that he will be the right man in the right place. He will justify that confidence.



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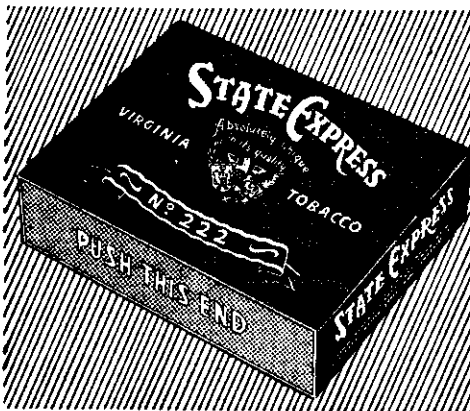
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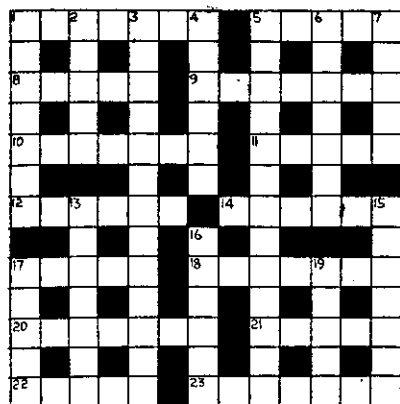


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THE LISTENER CROSSWORD

(No. 101)

(Constructed by R.W.C.)



Clues Across

1. Be in car with a type of rifle.
5. Bream transformed into fossil resin.
8. Spare fruit.
9. Nice tan (anag.).
10. In Bath I live.
11. I join in tune.
12. Suffer.
14. Her car forms one of the Signs of the Zodiac.
17. Form of aphid frequently found in the desert.
18. This looks as if another Sign of the Zodiac shed blood.

20. Tearing (anag.).
21. Connected with the Senior Service.
22. A French article followed by an English one to make a tool.
23. Enlists (anag.).

Clues Down

1. With his cap on Eric displays a whim.
2. Scope found in 14 across.
3. Rob insinuated—this is disobedient.
4. Ascent (anag.).
5. A recent custom provides equipment.
6. Flaw.
7. Blooming early, and rather cut short.
13. Tug hard (anag.).
15. Ride with £ v.d.
16. Reload (anag.).
17. Sound of bagpipes.
19. Reception.

(Answer to No. 100)

