

REFUTE STAND BIBLE STUDY STRIKES FAITH

Investigation Committee Reports Adverse Criticism of Earlham Unfounded.

PRAISE DR. PURDY'S AID

Special to The Times
RICHMOND, Ind., March 26.—Adverse critics of the teachings at Earlham College are unfounded, a committee appointed to investigate the doctrines being taught there reported to the board of trustees of the college at its annual meeting today.

The investigation came as a result of action at the annual session of 1920 of the Indiana and Western Yearly Meetings. These two meetings have jurisdiction over Earlham College.

A committee of ten, consisting of five members from each meeting, questioned the college's teachings. The testimony of this committee, summarized, as follows:

1. That some of the teachings in the Biblical department contravene the authorized standards of the Discipline and the Rutherford Declaration of Faith; that they do not accord with the teachings of Scripture in certain respects, and that such teaching tends to destroy faith in the character of the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. That what was charged as the "unproved evolutionary hypothesis" is true.

3. That the attitude of the head of the department of philosophy with reference to Christian fundamentals, such as the new birth, experimental conversion, etc., is questionable.

4. That the charges made by the committee of ten and also certain accusations read from letters written by other people, Dr. Alexander C. Purdy of the Biblical department, gave the committee a careful presentation of his teaching, together with his methods of teaching, presenting the notes and the outline used in the classroom upon the various subjects in controversy.

DR. PURDY IMPRESSED
COMMITTEE AS CLEAR

The committee says in its report "In his entire testimony, Dr. Purdy impressed our committee as being clear, open, unequivocal, thorough and convincing. At every point he evinced not only an honest desire to meet every question raised, but a purpose to speak so plainly that his meaning could be understood."

"On his own testimony, we find that Dr. Purdy does believe in and teach the fundamental Christian doctrines of 'Predictive prophecy,' 'the new birth,' 'the virgin birth of Jesus,' 'Miracles,' 'the die of Jesus,' 'the resurrection,' etc."

As to differences between the complaints and the college upon the questions involved, the committee's report says "we are forced to the conclusion that the differences are in large part due to differences in phraseology or to questions which involve only technical theological definitions, and which do not endanger any vital spiritual doctrine, or the credibility of the Scriptures."

As to the scientific teachings the committee says that it was "frankly admitted at Earlham College that theistic evolution is taught there, that God is the author of the whole system of creation and that his constant care has been exercised over it from the beginning until now."

"The college management claimed 'the report says, 'that this teaching not only accords with the best scientific standards of the present day, but also makes God more realistic to the individual searching after Him, and that it gives a final conception of his majesty and his power. In referring to the process of creation, Professor Marke of the science department, declared, 'Theology's' position is as follows: Instead of belief that it is a mere mechanical process entirely apart from God, we believe that it is merely the workings of God through nature.'

COLLEGE MUST BE OPENED

The investigation committee is brought out by the committee: "Earlham College, as a standard educational institution, cannot be rightly expected to suppress the facts of science, or the theories of science commonly held by Christian educators, neither can it reply satisfactorily to the honest questioning of the masses of young men and women who come to the institution for instruction by saying that the students are to take a course of theology and does not have to account for theological interpretations. Both theology and science must be taught in agreement, or the teachings are bound to produce doubt and infidelity." Real science and real Christianity do not disagree, for God is the author of them both."

Findings of the committee in regard to the Biblical department is as follows: "There were a number of instances to the effect that the teaching of Earlham College, both in the science and Biblical departments, had established a faith and Christian character more firmly and that the Bible had become more realistic as a spiritual guide with a personal spiritual message."

COFFIN'S TEACHINGS.

As to the tenability of the teaching of Dr. J. Herschel Coffin in the philosophical department, the committee says "Dr. Coffin not only avows his belief in conversion, but adds that every man who is converted knows it by the witness of the Spirit in his own soul. He gives an absolute affirmative answer to his question as to the attainment made by the sacrifice of Jesus, but adds his conviction that His sacrificial life is the essential factor in His atonement. He expresses his disbelief in human depravity. There is nothing in Dr. Coffin's presentations of his position that will lead us to believe that he does not accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior."

The committee closes its report by saying Indiana and Western Yearly Meetings should not expect Earlham College to be the exception in its Biblical and scientific teaching, unless it can be clearly shown by direct and abundant evidence that its present methods of teaching do not bring about the unity of teaching of Christian faith and character on the part of Earlham's students and unfitting them for the work of the churches.

"In the face of the evidence produced," the committee adds, "the tenability of the Christian character and experience of students at Earlham College, and taking into consideration the testimony of many of them to the effect that both the life and teachings at Earlham have tended to establish their Christian faith, and in many instances to bring about a change in the Christian life, we are not able to feel that there is any need of anxiety on the part of the membership of Indiana and Western Yearly Meetings relative to the religious status and teachings of the college."

Business at Marion Stops for Services

Special to The Times
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 26.—H. L. Smith of the School of Education, Indiana University, who is a member of the subcommittee of four, appointed to form a constitution of the State Teachers' Association, today announced that the association will present a tentative copy to the drafting committee next Friday. The endorsed draft will be presented to the constitutional convention of the association the following day.

Leonard M. Quill, in charge of Howe headquarters, stated that the News-Journal candidate will start holding factory meetings next week. Mr. Howe spent the day in a personal canvass of the business district.

Special to The Times
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 26.—Marion was quiet for services until 3 o'clock, while special Good Friday services were in progress at St. Paul's Catholic Church and the Gethsemane Episcopal Church and the First Presbyterian Church.

The stores were closed during these hours in order to allow clerks and employees to attend services.

Speaks Tonight



GREAT BRITAIN DECIDES ON HER PLAN OF ACTION

Negotiations to Be Opened
With Harding Regime Over
World Affairs.

GEDDES MISSION HEAD

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Great Britain has decided tentatively on the program she will follow in negotiations to be opened shortly with the Harding Administration, advises residence Washington today. Indicated England, in approach to United States on questions of world policy, apparently will observe these decisions:

1. Proposals to the new Administration will be guided as far as possible by the reaction which follows the visit here of René Viviani, former French Foreign Minister.

2. Sir Arthur Geddes, British ambassador to the United States, likely will be despatched to head the British mission to Washington.

MOVEMENT FOR DISARMAMENT

3. Under the United States initiative is ready to inaugurate a movement for world disarmament. England may take the initiative and suggest a disarmament, England may take the initiative and suggest a disarmament conference.

4. Britain will consent to the abrogation of article ten from the League of Nations, but will urge that the main body of the covenant be retained. She will not go as far as France in modification of the league.

Advices indicate that England will not send a delegation to the Paris peace conference in connection with the convention of the Federation of Business and Professional Women of Indiana is Mrs. Lena Lake Forrest, president of the national federation, with which the Indiana organization is affiliated.

SHANK POINTS TO INTERESTS BACK OF HOWE

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to beat. Some of his gang are bad actors at a tea party but the field is a lot broader in this race."

SAYS CONSCIENCE

ANARCHIST, 34, says.

Mr. Shank expresses the belief that the evangelistic work of Gipsey Smith was immeasurably helping his candidacy because it was awakening the consciences of many persons.

Baseball and playground facilities in city parks will not be neglected, he said.

He will support the naval building program when Britain has just announced a cut in her naval appropriation.

Laughter resulted when the speaker lifted a black hand at the opening of his speech. He explained that he had just come from a fact meeting, where he had been shamed into a black hand.

Improved street car service would be one of his aims, Mr. Shank said. He recounted a car line extensions that were forced through by the city while he was mayor.

Mr. Shank's speeches last night were delivered at 2209 North Hoyne street and 1608 Shelly street. He will speak tonight at the Idle Hour Theater, College avenue and St. Clair street, and at River avenue and Morris street.

Gustav J. Schmidt and Louis Carnefix, insurance leaders of the city council, will speak at the Idle Hour meeting in favor of Mr. Shank's candidacy.

Five meetings last night in the Third, Fourth and Twelfth wards brought Ed. J. Robison, another Republican mayoralty candidate, in touch with scores of voters, and he unfolded the story of methods being used by the present city hall organization to put aside their favorite aids who will be sent from London.

It is reported Britain is becoming increasingly eager to open a disarmament conference.

According to advices from London, she does not approach the United States in this matter, but she may be interested in the naval building program when Britain has just announced a cut in her naval appropriation.

It is declared that while England would prefer to see a call for a disarmament conference come from Washington, she will not be surprised to see a movement started if it becomes apparent the United States does not intend to act.

This sentiment may be conveyed to President Harding after the Britons have completed their formal pleasantries.

SHELTON ASKED TO VACATE JOB BY GOV. MCRAY

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his services before and since the election as manager and advisor.

The State purchasing board is made up of representatives of each of the State institutions and has as its duty the purchasing of supplies for the institutions.

It may employ what it desires, but salaries are subject to the approval of the Governor.

BOARD ORGANIZED BY GOV. GOODRICH.

The board was organized under the Goodrich administration and Mr. Shelton was appointed by Goodrich. At the last session of the Legislature a movement was started to bring about the abolishment of the board. The statement was made that at times the board had purchased inferior products and that with their vote overwhelmed the city hall organization to put aside their favorite aids who will be sent from London.

At his first meeting, Blackford and Michigan streets, Mr. Robison swayed the members of the city hall organization of the city to support his primary candidate.

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ADVOCATES ECONOMY.

He advocated economy in the operation of the city government by obtaining 100 cents worth of value out of each dollar spent in labor or supplies needed. He spent the time in which rigid economy should be exercised by the city administration.

Mr. Robison spoke at meetings at 475 West Twenty-Fifth street, 444 West Eleventh street, 423 Indiana avenue, and Merrill street and Capitol avenue, in addition to the one at Blackford and Michigan streets.

Neighborhood political meetings have been inaugurated by Mr. Robison and they are arousing the interest of the public and workers are planning meetings in each precinct between now and the primary day and anticipate an unusually heavy vote at the result of their activities.

The women leaders in Mr. Robison's campaign will meet Monday afternoon at their headquarters, 313 Traction Terminal building, to complete their present organization.

A meeting of Republican workers of Washington Township and the Fourth Ward was held last night in the office of Freeman & Bush, 4163 College avenue, to endorse and to make plans for furthering the candidacy of Lloyd D. Claycomb for councilman for the Third District.

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The possibility that the Governor has some difficulty in making removals at the Statehouse recalls the trials experienced by former Governor Goodrich when he undertook to remove Edwin Lee as a member of the public service commission.

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The resignation of Mr. Shelton is the third asked for by the Governor so far as is known. The first was that of Paul P. Hayes as a member of the public service commission and the second that of Mrs. Schaefer as insurance commissioner.

The indication that Mr. Robison is to be appointed to succeed Mr. Shelton relieves the minds of a large number of persons about the Statehouse, who are writing various stories to the effect that he is to be rewarded by appointment to almost every position in the State.

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