

VIEWS ON ACCEPTING ROCKEFELLER'S GIFT

Prominent Men Discuss Protest of Congregational Pastors.

WHAT J. P. MORGAN'S LAWYERS SAY

Francis Lynde Stearns Believes the World Should Not Lose the Benefit of the Oil King's \$10,000,000 For Foreign Missions—Why Bishop Tuttle Favors Acceptance—Catholics Say World Not Beneficial.

One of the most profound moral issues growing out of the present conditions of life on this continent has been raised by the protest of Congregational ministers against the acceptance of John D. Rockefeller's gift of \$10,000,000 for foreign missions on the ground that Mr. Rockefeller obtained his money by means "morally injurious and socially destructive," says James Croghan, a prominent New York World. It is recognized that if such a gift is refused on the ground that it carries with it the taint of the business which produces it hundreds of millions of dollars would soon be cut off from the religious, charitable and educational institutions of the country.

The ethical problem presented in this protest, made as it was by the owners of vast and rapidly accumulated fortunes are increasingly interesting themselves in philanthropic enterprises, inspired the World to send out a host of men competent to speak on the subject.

Bishop Potter of New York, the head of the largest and most "prestigious" diocese in America, was asked:

"What are the ethics that should govern a church or charitable institution in accepting gifts of money from a source as this, there may be the suspicion of taint?"

"The means by which money has been obtained," replied the bishop, "is a legitimate concern of the institution, and the question of any religious or charitable organization to which it may be given, or the source of the money, is not a part of its business, but it is the duty of the donor to be wise to be guided by known facts and not by mere rumor."

"I know that the charges have been made against the Standard Oil company, for instance, but I am not aware that any of them has been actually proved. But, as I have said, it would be legitimate to investigate the methods by which it has made its fortune before consenting to accept any share in it. This is not a new problem; it has come up often in the case of several colleges, and, if my memory serves me rightly, several gifts of this character have been declined in the past."

That is the opinion of a bishop familiar with the great American centers of money making, a churchman who knows where and how millions are got their money and where they spend it, the necessities of churches, hospitals, colleges and asylums.

Francis Lynde Stearns was also asked to utter his views. Mr. Stearns is a J. Pierpont Morgan's lawyer. He is also a distinguished emerald expert and is a lay member of the house of deputies of the Protestant Episcopal church. This is his own reply:

"It seems to me that it is no part of our duty to pass judgment on either those who would accept or those who would reject Mr. Rockefeller's munificent gift to the worthy cause of foreign missions. But were such my duty I could not act without further knowledge of the facts.

"Suspicion and rumor constitute an insufficient basis for insult to one offering to benefit mankind. Personally I would cheerfully and gratefully vote so that the world should not lose the benefit of this latest gift of a man of the liberality of Mr. Rockefeller, whom I have never seen and with whom I have never had any relations, but, considering the magnitude and persistence of his efforts for the permanent good of mankind and also the personal conduct of the real man as attested by those who do know him, I cannot believe him deserving the harsh rebuke implied in the objections published without supporting evidence."

Bishop D. S. Tuttle, the venerable presiding bishop of the Episcopal house of bishops, is a veteran of the western missionary fields. There is no more virile and earnest figure in the religious life of the country. Telegraphing from St. Louis, Bishop Tuttle says:

"It seems to me that not individuals, but the courts of the land, are the proper authorities to determine that money is dishonestly acquired. Full consideration should be given to the question of money desired to give it for God's cause and good work the gift should be thankfully received."

Against those who condemn the following telegram from the Rev. John Thomas of Boston, one of the Congregational clergymen who protested against the acceptance of Mr. Rockefeller's \$10,000,000.

"The Boston clergymen have protested to satisfy their own consciences. Mr. Rockefeller stands before the whole country as the representative of an Christian, open, and upright business method. Clergymen cannot consistently indorse monopoly, tyranny, heartlessness. The effect of applauded success of this kind is to lead men to say they where is morally disastrous. We do not undertake to dictate to others what they ought to do. As far as possible we want our own hands clean."

These are the opinions of churchmen representing the three phases of thought aroused by the controversy. From Toronto comes a telegram representing secular scholarship and moral

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Philosophy. Professor Goldwin Smith was invited to give his views and replied as follows:

"If it is certain and notorious that the money has been criminally made, as that public scandal would be given by acceptance, I would reject. But I should not think it necessary to scrutinize food is being done, though it may possibly be coming out of evil."

Robert C. Ogden, the partner of John W. Wainwright, a New York, is president of the southern educational conference, a trustee in many religious and philanthropic institutions and a leader in the cause of education. Being a merchant of national reputation, an active money maker as well as a philanthropist, his judgment in the matter is especially interesting.

"I would take without hesitation any money that John D. Rockefeller would offer me for any good purpose," said Mr. Ogden. "Now would I consider it my duty as the trustee of any religious, charitable or educational institution to pass upon Mr. Rockefeller's life or his business habits. In my opinion this discussion raises an issue that is not practical. I would not say I would qualified to judge another man's career."

John C. O'Brien, pastor of St. Leo's church in New York, expressed himself as follows:

"You ask me to say a few words bearing on the refusal of some representative ministers of Boston to accept a donation of \$10,000,000. The reverend gentlemen's objection to acceptance of the acceptance of this gift for missionary and religious purposes is based upon what they claim to be certain unjust and unjust business methods of certain people. They declare the donor's methods are 'un-Christian' and that they (the reverend gentlemen) are morally certain that the system the donor has built up is based on dishonest, illegal and violates the laws of the country. I fail to see how any man believing such conditions to exist could do otherwise than decline the proffered gift should not be accepted or received. The ministers of the Protestant church providing over wealthy congregations and in close relation with men of wealth are frequently accused of being in the employ of the powerful and are forced to direct their thoughts and to be powerful in the interests of the powerful and careless for the rights of the multitude. Hence I see why in the present in-gance they are sensitive and wish to show that they do not intend to be regarded as suspects in the eyes and judgment of the vast struggling millions, for they know full well that their profession must and will fall if this impression grows, and they know full well that Christ has informed them that they cannot serve God and Mammon."

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Robert Hunter, chairman of the New York state labor education and welfare on sociological subjects, expressed this opinion:

"I believe the Boston clergymen were right in their action. In my opinion, corruption took root in the church at the moment it began to accept tainted money. Corruption will not be rooted out of the church until the church professes poverty and eagerness to wealth and industry. 'Good cannot come out of a church which sustains on the patronage of the rapacious.'"

A SAFETY THEATER.

H. B. Marshall, Architect of Ingoles, Invents Novel Stage Roof.

Benjamin H. Marshall, architect of the Ingoles and Illinois theaters in Chicago, will shortly announce plans for a theater in that city, the main feature of which will be a collapsible, combustible roof over the stage, capable of being opened in case of fire by pressing a button, says a Berlin special cable dispatch to the Chicago News. He proposed to set the theater on fire in order to demonstrate publicly that the blaze can be confined to the stage.

"Berlin's royal theater," said Mr. Marshall the other morning, "which was reported recently after repairs lasting a year and costing \$1,500,000, is far less safe than any theater in Chicago. I made a private inspection of the theater under the guidance of Mr. Passart, the theatrical censor, and I am able to say that, although the Kaiser reconsecrated the theater in his presence, the fire in the theater, the society arrangements are such that, inadequate under one new or change."

"It has long been said that the Ingoles theater had been the fire, 'Chicago' theater, was a safe. The roof is made none at all except at the ends of the rows. All the theaters in Berlin, including the remodelled opera, are similarly deficient."

The Car as One Man Saw Him.

Little, scared, footed, this is the car, with a front window in the shape of a Magistrate for April, 1905, ineffective and hysterical, this is the ruler of the Russian empire. When a cast of his head, made for the purpose of a new change, was subjected to a great critic, insolent authority in Paris, who was not told whose it was, the expert after a careful examination pronounced solemnly: "This is the head of a melancholy man, but that is not true. The real car is better illustrated by another story, which was given to me as true. An official approached him with a letter to be signed and found him laughing drearily in his room."

"Your majesty," began the official.

"I am not 'your majesty,'" replied the czar. "I am 'am tired'."

The Chicago Examiner.

The EXAMINER, the leading morning paper of Chicago, has just announced a unique Proverb Educational Contest, in which it proposes to give away 50 prizes to successful contestants, ranging in value from \$5.00 to \$50.00. First prize, \$50.00, is to be given away, about \$5,000.00; contest commencing February 21st, and continuing one well-known proverb daily for fifty days.

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Away with doctors! Just look at a chart and keep well. The chart will show how to live so that pills and powders never will be needed again. And a doctor himself is boasting his plan, says the Chicago Record-Herald.

He is Dr. Richard C. Cabot of Boston. He is compiling statistics on the habits of 50,000 healthy Americans, and when he finishes he will make up a chart that will teach every one to be his own physician in the matter of hygiene, at least. Dr. Cabot announced his plans before the Chicago Medical society the other night and asked the help of local physicians in gathering his statistics.

The reading of this paper, the subject of which was "The Individual Factor in Hygiene" was the occasion for a vehement protest against certain facts in which it was charged, Americans are getting their ideas of hygiene.

"I agree with Dr. Cabot," said a physician who attended his seminar and then hurried away without giving his name. "There is too much quackery being disseminated over the country. Some men would make us believe that it is good for us to fill our stomachs full of hay and pretend to tell what is and what is not good for people merely to make millinaires out of the promoters of their quacks. I should prepare a lot of medicines and advise people how to treat diseases and how to regulate their habits irrespective of the physical conditions of those who read their records. This system of fake hygiene is getting to be so widespread that it constitutes a positive menace to the country."

The speech was received with loud applause. The position taken by Dr. Cabot was that the habits of a person must be regulated by the needs of the individual and that there was no set rule of hygiene that would apply to all.

"Men must choose what is good for them by instinct and experiment," he said. "There must be hygiene for the Caucasian, the Mongolian and the Malay. There must be hygiene for San Francisco and for New York. The text books of hygiene smack ludicrously of the towns that produce them. We become what the school books do not that young children need a large amount of running about, climbing, yelling and other exercises for the nervous groups of the school. We do not the focused activities that swing the tongue and wave the pen, as Stanley Hall says.

"The time is coming when the layman will for himself his own method of keeping well. While a majority of persons eat three meals a day, there is a great deal of scientific thought through breakfast. Others skip lunch, while some do without the evening meal. In each case the habit must conform to the needs of the person. Coffee may injure some people and do others good, and it is wrong to lay down a general rule that coffee is injurious to every one. It will soon come to be more or less pronounced for us to prescribe the way in which the educated layman is to live.

"When I have compiled the statistics of the actual habits of 50,000 healthy American people, to which work I intend to give my life, I expect to make a chart that will aid people materially in settling on their habits. It will show what has been found to be good for the banker and the farmer, the carpenter and the person who takes little exercise and does little work."

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