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Canon Gould And Chinese Situation.

Yesterday Canon Gould, clearly and succinctly outlined the Chinese international situation from the point of view of the Chinese. He showed the injustice of foreign countries having territorial rights in the country and managing the customs. He did not, however, seem to have given the other side, which was natural under the circumstances.

China is not and has not been a homogeneous country for many years. It has been broken up into factions and there has been no central control that could be depended upon. In many parts of the country bandits have practically ruled instead of the so-called authorities. Even up to a few weeks ago rival factions have been fighting there, so that it was impossible to deal nationally with either.

In dealing with a country of that type, special methods had to be adopted and were adopted. Following the boxer outrages an indemnity was levied against the country and to insure the payment of the indemnity concessions were granted by China. Force was often used by Britain and by other countries to secure treaty rights and these were often unjust, but so were all similar arrangements of that day. China was forced by Britain to open some of her ports to the trade of the world, one of the best things that ever happened to China, but it could hardly be considered just, yet Britain's action made it possible for missionaries to go there. The strong nations have always forced their will upon the weaker. It is a pity that Canon Gould could not while here deliver another lecture on the benefits derived by China from British occupation and the enforcement of treaties.

Chinese Awakening Is Hopeful Sign.

The awakening of China is a hopeful sign. We have mentioned this before more than once. It is a great thing to see a country beginning to realize its possibilities. Many mistakes will be made. Foolish things will be done. Outrages will be perpetrated. They always are during the process of arousing. The future, however, looks very hopeful and we look for the day when China will be a great power in the world. As a country comes to realize its power and influence, every citizen feels the thrill as of spring in his veins. He stands more erect. A new dignity comes to him. He is ready to defend his honor and the honor of his country.

Making Good Is Always Important.

It is always important to make good. It is not necessary to win in a contest or to reach the goal in any other endeavor but it is necessary that we should put up the best possible fight or strive to the uttermost to attain that to which we set our hands. In other words we should make good.

There have been many cases where workmen have slowed down on the job in order not to do anyone else out of work. That is fatal. To slow down is to lose power. It is the first step toward losing out, which is the opposite to making good. Neglect of any kind is always fatal. It is injurious to others but to the person who is neglectful it spells disaster. Neglect of small things leads to neglect of larger.

Idea Prevalent Election Soon.

The idea seems to be prevalent that there will be a Dominion election in the spring. It is possible, we grant, but most improbable. It will be noticed that the Liberals, Progressives, Laborites and Independents are all to be seated on the same side of the House and the probability is they will vote together. With similar aims and objects, it is difficult to see how it could be otherwise.

We still hold to the view that there will be no election in the spring. The probability is there will be no election for several years. It is to be hoped that a test will be taken soon so that the country may settle down and forget the question of elections.

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ILLUMINATING ADDRESS ON CHINA GIVEN BY CANON GOULD AT GYRO LUNCHEON YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

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tra-territoriality," Canon Gould continued, foreigners residing in China were not subject to the laws of that country but rather to the laws of their own nation as represented by diplomatic officials of that country in China. A foreigner could not be summoned into a local court unless through the officials of his country. This law had been imposed upon China after the Chino-British opium war in 1842, and had been revised on various occasions since that time until it assumed its present shape. Not only Britain but other western powers had shared in the imposition of that law on China. It was one of the main causes of dissatisfaction in China today and was a problem that must be investigated by Britain.

As regarded China's demand for autonomy in relation to the tariff, the tariff was now fixed at 5 per cent ad valorem and it could not be changed by China but only by the powers that enjoyed the treaty. As a result of a tariff conference that had been recently sitting in Pekin, it had been unanimously agreed to restore tariff autonomy to that country, beginning in 1929, and to mitigate the present treaty in the meantime. There still remained to be dealt with, however, the more difficult problem of extra-territoriality for which it was now announced another conference would be assembled in the near future with a view to abolition of the present laws.

Great Discontent
So great had been China's discontent, Canon Gould continued, that it had been to a great extent responsible for the calling of the Washington conference in 1920. There again China had brought up her problems and there again they had been put off with the promise that within three months the powers would assemble at a special tribunal to discover the facts leading to the discontent. The only understanding under which the nations would give up the laws of extra-territoriality would be on their being convinced that there was a definite political power in control of the whole country prepared to administer common law on a just and equal basis throughout the country. This law would have to be applied by an independent judiciary not open to bribery and other influences.

The delay of the powers in bringing about the solution of China's problems, Canon Gould stated, had inflamed public opinion in the country. There had been two postponements at the request of China itself and three due to the action of the powers. Naturally the delays caused by the powers had been most prominent in the view of the Chinese themselves and the discontent had penetrated into the masses and inflamed public opinion to an almost uncontrollable pitch.

China and Britain

Why was opinion in China more against Britain than the other powers? In answering his own question, Canon Gould said: There had been four more prominent reasons. First, through the Chino-British war in 1842 and the imposition of the treaty that had followed it, Britain was looked upon as the forerunner of the unequal treaties. Second, a similar treaty had been set up by the British in 1858 against Japan and in 1894, after pressure had been brought to bear by Japan, Britain had taken the lead in removing it and other powers had followed. Naturally China was of the opinion that Britain should take the same steps in regard to China as it had done with Japan. Third, at the Versailles conference China had made great efforts to have the German rights in Shantung restored to China. Subsequently, at the London Conference called to deal with the Shantung rights, these rights had been ceded to Japan and not to China and, as a result, the London compact had aroused more suspicion in China as to the British attitude than any other action. Fourth, Britain was recognized in China as the "king pin" in the situation and, if it could be loosened, it was felt that it would cause the entire collapse of the unequal treaties.

National Life

Canon Gould then went on to deal with the national life of China which he said had been

virtually recreated within the last two decades. The nation had awakened and was going forward with astonishing leaps and bounds. There had been a complete reversal in the outlook of Chinese life. The tremendous development of athletics was only one example of the change. It exemplified, too, the great physical possibilities of Chinese manhood. The country was getting away from Confucianism and the great dyke that had hemmed in the national spirit was broken down with a tremendous tide of Western thought and vigor rushing into the entire country. Ten years ago two national leaders known throughout the country could not be named. Today one could count ten or fifteen great leaders in a national way.

With the nation awakening, three great military forces were vying for control and Canon Gould went on to describe the activities of each. On their conflict would depend greatly the future of China. It was peculiar but gratifying to note that, in the course of civil warfare, no missions had been injured to any extent thus indicating that the movement was not anti-Christian but rather anti-foreign in protest against unequal treaties imposed as by a superior people upon an inferior.

Hope Not Anxiety

The situation, Canon Gould asserted, was to be regarded with hope rather than with anxiety. There would be restricted civil warfare but it must be remembered that China was striving in a few decades to accomplish a development that had taken centuries in Great Britain and other nations. One reason for hopefulness was the great outburst of national spirit.

"China is facing toward the light," declared Canon Gould, "and I am persuaded that if Britain takes the same steps towards China as she did with Japan that there will be a revolution of feeling there in our favor of a magnitude that we cannot now comprehend, and that then Britain will re-establish herself in the eyes of the people as a great factor for good and fairness."

Archdeacon Rix

The meeting was presided over by Roy McNaughton, president of the Gyro Club, and there was a large attendance of members as well as many guests including members of the district Anglican clergy visiting the city. Archdeacon G. A. Rix was called upon to introduce Canon Gould. The archdeacon, punctuating his remarks with humorous allusions, thanked the club for its hospitality on behalf of the visiting clergy.

The musical program of the afternoon included bass solos by J. Shute of Montreal and saxophone solos by Dick Perks, member of the Winnipeg Gyro Club and leader of that club's orchestra.

There were selections by an orchestra consisting of Gyro Charlie and Will Balagno, Howard White and Dick Perks. Community singing was led by Gyro S. K. Campbell.

THE MAN IN THE MOON

says:

LIFE is just as lovely
As we make it every day
And death is just as dreadful
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