

EPISCOPALIANS VARY ON MINISTRY OF DEAF MUTES

Question May Find Its Way Into Convention at St. Louis

Canon Invoked

Some Clergymen's Views on Deaf Mutes in Pulpit

The Rev. Charles S. Hutchinson, of St. Clement's Church (High Church): "Personally, I don't believe they should be. One of the oldest canons of the Church prohibits the ordination of any one with any infirmity."

The Rev. Charles L. Steel, Calvary Church (High Church): "The canons of the Church seem to exclude them, but with the perfection of the sign language conditions are different."

The Rev. David M. Steele, St. Luke and the Epiphany (Low Church): "Who else could minister to the deaf mute but a deaf mute?"

The Rev. C. O. Dantzer, All Souls (for the deaf), himself deaf: "The sign language is just as much a language as German, French or English, and deaf mutes need the ministrations of those who speak their language."

Photographs illustrating a text given in the sign language by a clergyman will be used on the Pictorial Page.

A question that may find its way into the sessions at the forty-fourth triennial convention of the Episcopal Church, now being held at St. Louis, is whether or not a deaf mute shall in the future be received into the priesthood.

Opponents of high churchmen and low churchmen in Philadelphia indicate that the question arises in the general convention, and certain churchmen of one school of theology etc. a canon of the Church ruling that mutes out of the priesthood, while some argue that conditions have changed with the adoption of the sign language, and that the Church has "outgrown" the canon.

The Rev. Dr. Charles S. Hutchinson, rector of St. Clement's Church, Tenth and Cherry streets, said today that he was opposed to the ordination of deaf mutes. The canon, he said, is one of the oldest of the Church. The sign language, however, is all right for mutes to communicate with one another, it seems.

The Rev. Frederick D. Ward, rector of St. Elizabeth's Church, Sixteenth and Milford streets, said the sign language is "such a new and novel thing" that the ordination of deaf mutes might be a question with strong sides for or against.

"I wouldn't want to express an opinion as to what should be done about it at the convention. I think the mutes, with their sign language, are very live people and we want to have them all with us. It is not possible to communicate with one another, but it is a question for the Church to decide."

The Rev. Charles L. Steel, rector of Calvary Church, Forty-first and Brown streets, said he was personally inclined toward the prohibitory canon. The canon would seem to exclude deaf mutes, but conditions now are different, he said.

The Rev. David M. Steele, rector of St. Luke and the Epiphany, 230 South Thirteenth street, is strongly in favor of the ordination of deaf mutes.

"To argue against it," he asserted, "is nonsense. Who else would minister to the deaf mute but a deaf mute?" he asked.

The Rev. C. O. Dantzer, rector of All Souls (for the deaf), said that the sign language in its present state of development is as much of a language as German, French or English. Because of this, he says, the consecration of the sacraments in the sign language, to which some objection has been made, is just as valid as it is in the audible language.

"Indeed, the deaf mute has come to comprehend his 'language' as good as and sometimes better than speech," Mr. Dantzer says, "and only when he is communicating with those who do not understand him does he consider himself as bearing an infirmity."

Mr. Dantzer says the deaf mute takes in the outer world with his eyes and he is able to give meanings of hand and finger movements in his memory and associate them with the objects they signify as well as with the objects that hearing persons store meanings of words and the objects they signify.

Not only can the deaf mute receive definite ideas and names, concrete and abstract things on his fingers and by means of hand expressions, says Mr. Dantzer, but, in addition, these ideas are clarified and beautified—sent more direct "to his soul"—just as the rhythm of the dance tells the spectators more things than all the explanatory words can hint at in the printed program.

Summing up, Mr. Dantzer affirms: "He hath done all things well." He makes both the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak."

"Killed by Friend's Prank" A friend of John Carr, thirty years old, of Philadelphia, who has been boarding in the Kensington Hotel, died last night of the death there last night in the Homeopathic Hospital. He had suffered a fracture of the skull, falling from a tree a few days ago while trying to dodge water when the board turned a boss on him.

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DR. FRANK C. ABBOTT

BRAVED DEATH AT SEA, FINDS IT AT HOME HERE

Captain Eugene B. Delk, Hero of Submarine Attacks, Victim of Heart Disease

Captain Eugene B. Delk, one of the youngest American sea captains, who, during the past year of war, had narrowly escaped death several times when his ships were sunk by German submarines and one destroyed in an ice floe, is dead from heart disease at his home, 908 South Forty-sixth street.

He was first attacked by a German submarine July 25, 1914, when he was returning to the United States from Archangel. He and his crew were ordered on board the undersea vessel and taken to within nine miles of the Orkney Islands, where they were sent to shore in small boats. Caught in a storm, he and his men had a perilous voyage and a miraculous landing.

A few months later, while Captain Delk was commanding the Carolyn, from Philadelphia to Archangel, he arrived there and found the port icebound. The Carolyn was carrying a cargo of automobile trucks and structural steel to the Russian Government. He was ordered to another Russian port. While in the White Sea the Carolyn became jammed in the floating ice. He and his men had to make their way to the mainland over the ice floes. He was exonerated for the loss of the cargo, however, when he was called before a Russian board of inquiry.

At another time he was feted by German authorities for running the British blockade with a cargo of cotton on his ship, the Lee-lanaw.

Captain Delk was born in Isle of Wight County, Va., thirty-seven years ago. He began his maritime experience at the age of fourteen years in a schooner his father bought for him. He plied this vessel on the James River until he was eighteen years old, when he left for the Pacific coast. It was there that he gained most of his nautical experience while serving in the capacity of a junior officer.

The funeral services will be held at his home Monday, conducted by the Rev. George W. Young, pastor of the Jenkinson Baptist Church. Burial will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

PLAGUE QUARANTINE RENEWED

Schools and "Movies" in Norwood and Collingswood Closed—New Cases Reported in This City

The infantile paralysis quarantine again has been put in force in Collingswood, Sunday schools and moving picture theaters in Norwood, Delaware County, and in public schools in Collingswood, N. J., following the discovery of cases of the disease. The John Greenleaf Whittier Public School, Twenty-seventh and Clearfield streets, also has been closed for fumigation on account of the death of William Milford Simms, 3103 North Twenty-fifth street, a pupil.

The Collingswood schools, just opened, were closed by Mrs. Helen Amisen, supervisor of Camden County rural schools, when two cases of the disease were discovered in that town. Norwood's first case, which caused the new quarantine, was that of Jordan Gaul, six years, 217 Garfield avenue.

Three new cases were reported in this city last night. They were those of Raymond Axler, four years, 2421 North Corlies street; Fiore Leonetti, two years, 1121 South Seventh street; and Walter Baldry, three years, 6144 Ridge avenue, Roxborough.

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U-BOATS SEEK SAFETY HERE FROM FOES' NETS, SAYS DOCTOR ABBOTT

Physician Back From War Fronts Declares Submarines Are Driven Out of Channel

WAS IN VERDUN ZONE

Germany is sending her submarines across the ocean to attack the Allies' commerce off the Atlantic coast because the British have perfected an ingenious system whereby they have already succeeded in capturing a hundred of the underwater boats, according to Dr. Frank C. Abbott, of the Jefferson Hospital staff, who returned to the city today after more than a year's service in the French war zone, back of Verdun.

The successful raid made by the German submarine U-23 last Sunday is believed by Doctor Abbott to be only a forerunner of what is to come. The German military authorities have given evidence of the beginning of a ruthless submarine campaign in a final effort to smash the enormous ammunition and food supply commerce being carried on between the Allies and neutral countries, he said.

Doctor Abbott said his information was first-hand, coming from authoritative sources and what he himself has seen. While crossing the English Channel on his homeward trip, three weeks ago, his ship was held up by British destroyers, which were in the act of capturing three German submarines that had just been trapped in the great steel nets which are stretched clear around the British Isles.

Doctor Abbott, whose home is at 4108 Carpenter street, has been mentioned several times in dispatches sent to this country by prominent Frenchmen, who marveled at his skill while he was a surgeon in the base hospital at Vendome, France. Doctor Abbott was the recipient of a silver medal from the French Red Cross in recognition of his services.

ALMOST 100 CAPTURED "Yes, it is true that the British have captured a good many German submarines," said the doctor. "I was informed on good authority that almost a hundred are now in the hands of the Allies. I heard that some of the submarines are being used by the British.

"England has perfected an ingenious system whereby it is able to detect the presence of a submarine in any locality, and once they are located they are easily captured. I cannot tell you the exact manner in which they accomplish this. Of course, you have heard of the steel nets. Well, besides the nets they have the thousands of small boats continually patrolling the waters about the British Isles, and then there is another method of which I cannot tell you. However, they have at last perfected a method of stopping attacks close to the shores, and this, I believe, has driven Germany to the alternative of sending the U-boats to American waters or giving up the attacks. The attack on vessels off Nantucket on Sunday, I believe, is only the beginning of a more concerted effort.

Speaking of his work in France, Doctor Abbott said he found plenty to keep him occupied from one end of the day to the other. "I am convinced that the war will not end for at least another year," he declared. "The French are fighting for a principle. They are fighting with a dogged determination and they see nothing but victory ahead. They don't speak of when the war will end; they are sure it will end with victory on their side.

"Don't understand me to say that they wouldn't like to see the war end. This would be far from the truth. The French are broken in health and spirit. After more than two long years of wearied fighting in those trenches they are even disheartened. They know their country has been devastated, that thousands of their comrades have been killed and that they themselves might at any moment be called on to give up their lives for France, but they are determined that the 'Boches' shall not win the war. They will fight until the very last drop of blood has been spent. They are willing to pay the price.

"The worst cases are those who have been 'gassed' or disabled by liquid fire. Such cases are pitiful to look upon. They do not respond to treatment and their death is a slow and agonizing one. They plead with the doctors to chloroform or shoot them that they might find relief in death."

Doctor Abbott almost lost the thumb of his left hand when it became infected while performing an operation.



DR. MATTHEW WOODS

MATTHEW WOODS DIES; PHYSICIAN AND AUTHOR

Noted Doctor, Art Collector and Traveler, Succumbs After Long Illness

Dr. Matthew Woods, one of the most prominent physicians of this city, famous throughout the world as an authority on epilepsy, author of many books on medical subjects and travel, collector of art and antiques, died early today in the Methodist Hospital. Doctor Woods was sixty-seven years of age and made his residence at 1807 South Broad street.

Death was caused by an attack of diabetes, following a prolonged illness. Doctor Woods's condition first became critical on Tuesday last, when he was removed to the hospital. He is survived by a widow, two sons and one daughter.

Dr. Woods was president of the Philadelphia Medical Mission, former president of the Browning Society and a member of numerous other medical and literary organizations, including the American Medical Society, the Penn Medical Club, the Arts and Letters Society and the Historical Society.

He was born in Ireland, and at the age of fourteen came to this country with his parents, Samuel and Katherine De Wauchop Woods. Doctor Woods received his medical education at the University of Pennsylvania. He married Miss Emily L. Huntington, of this city. He began his medical practice here in 1875.

Among the books he wrote were "Rambles of a Physician," in two volumes, which related much of his extensive travels, "In Spite of Epilepsy," "Divorce" and "Was the Apostle Paul an Epileptic?"

Funeral services will be held at the Broad street residence on Monday.

Colonial Dames Unveil Tablet

HADDONFIELD, N. J., Oct. 12.—The New Jersey Society, Colonial Dames of America, unveiled a tablet here to commemorate the first authorized road in New Jersey, the King's Highway, 1681, and the coming of Francis Collins, the town's first settler, who lived here before Elizabeth Haddon gave the town its name.

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Maid Once Shielded Fiance From Feminine Wiles—Now Any One Can Have Him

There was a time when she—May Kerns, a twenty-year-old usher in a "movie" near Ninth and Market streets—reversed the usual order of things and conveyed her fiance home at night so that no other girl could get him—Harry Bonsall, a thirty-year-old University of Pennsylvania dental student, who lives at York road and City line.

Today she publicly declared that anybody could have him. "He annoys me," she told Magistrate Heaton and a crowded courtroom at the Central Station. "He choked me. He wanted money. He blackened my eye. I'm through with him.

"Anybody that wants this fellow can have him." Bonsall, puzzled by the twist in his love affair, was discharged this morning, after the girl had him arrested last night at the theater for annoying her.

"I don't quite understand," he said. "We have known each other four years. The last two years we've been engaged and I bought her a diamond ring. I worked my way through college, but used to help her out with money because she didn't earn much. I used to see her at the theater every night, and she seemed glad to see me. Whenever I'd go out for a breath of fresh air she'd object."

"Time goes quicker when you're here," she'd say. "She'd escort me home at night so no other girl could get me, and told me she'd brain me if she caught me with another girl."

Bonsall waxed indignant. He told how Miss Kerns had come to his house late at night to be sure he was there.

"Well, I had a right to, because we were engaged," interposed Miss Kerns, who lives at 1222 Broad street.

"We aren't now, and you've got the ring," suggested Bonsall. "I'm entitled to it," snapped Miss Kerns.

Governor Addresses Epworth League

Governor Brumbaugh talked on temperance, woman suffrage and the Church as a center of community welfare last night before the annual convention of the Epworth League and other young people's societies of the North District, Philadelphia Conference, in Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church.

Logan Improvement League Meets

Representative Charles Roney, of the State Legislature, delivered an address in the Logan Drawing Room, Broad and Ruscumb streets, last night on the part played by the Logan Improvement League in the passage of the 1913 enabling act, permitting the increase of Philadelphia's borrowing capacity. Seventy new members were enrolled by the league.

BABE'S HEADLESS BODY FOUND; SUSPECT TURKS

Son of "King of Little Armenia" in East St. Louis Victim

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 12.—The headless body of Alphonse Magrain, three-year-old son of A. D. Magrain, "the King of Little Armenia" in East St. Louis, was found today on a rubbish dump, a block from his home, from which he disappeared ten days ago. The body was wrapped in a newspaper. The head was not found. Police believe the boy was slain by Turks, enemies of his father.

The father heads a colony of the Armenians, and in his district live 200 Turks. Because of Turkish atrocities upon Armenia abroad, race feeling has run high among those people in East St. Louis and there have been several clashes which police have had to quell.

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