

# MAGARTNEY AGAIN ASSAILS FOSDICK

Insists New York Preacher Clear His Position on Virgin Birth Doctrine

"CARICATURED," SAYS FOE

The Rev. Henry E. Fosdick, special preacher in the First Presbyterian Church, New York, whom the Rev. C. E. Macartney, pastor of Arch Street Presbyterian Church, this city, accuses of preaching contrary to Presbyterian doctrine, asserts that his religious ideas have been caricatured by the Philadelphia minister.

"You have drawn a caricature of me and then got angry at it," the Rev. Dr. Fosdick wrote Dr. Macartney. "Because your interest in Christianity is so dogmatic and theological, I suppose that is natural."

Not Scared by "Bigot" Cry  
Dr. Macartney replied that he will not be frightened by any cry of "bigotry," "medievalism," "unstable Christianity," or "disturbance of the peace" in the fight he is making to uphold the doctrine of the Church.

There are extracts from letters exchanged by the two clergymen before Dr. Macartney introduced his assault on the Philadelphia Presbyterian, which petitions the Presbytery of New York to ask the First Presbyterian Church of that city to set its house in order.

While it does not mention Dr. Fosdick, that document says plainly that the preaching in the First Church of New York is not in accordance with Presbyterian doctrine.

On October 10 Dr. Macartney wrote Dr. Fosdick informing him of the discussion "that had arisen in the Presbytery of Philadelphia," and asking whether the pamphlet entitled "The Fundamentalists' Win" was a record of what Dr. Fosdick said on that occasion.

Dr. Fosdick replied by saying that the pamphlet was substantially correct. The correspondence is now published in the Presbyterian.

After saying that his sermon was "a plea for tolerance," and that Dr. Macartney had converted that plea into "a caricature" of what he, Dr. Fosdick, really thinks and really teaches, the New York clergyman wrote:

"What you have done is largely to neglect the whole purpose and object of my sermon. And then, lighting upon my brief and sketchy outline of certain liberal positions, you have, with that scant material, imagined a theological position for me to hold which is a preposterous caricature of what I really think."

Virgin Birth Not Issue  
"Because your interest in Christianity is so dogmatic and theological, I suppose that this was natural, and that I laid myself open to this kind of misunderstanding. I consider, however, that it does seem to me that a careful reading of the sermon would have made it needless."

"With regard to the virgin birth, for example, I personally have not the slightest desire to be dogmatic upon a historical question. What I am confident of is that whatever may be the ultimate decision with reference to the historicity of the virgin birth, I believe in the deity of our Lord. I consider that belief to be the very center of the Gospel."

"With regard to the inspiration of the Bible, you raise the question as to whether I think the Bible has any special authority at all. So far as that suggestion from having any basis the Bible exercises over my thinking and, by God's grace, somewhat over my life, a paramount authority."

"To be sure, the authority of the Bible is not like the authority of a dictionary, to which I turn to find any question instantly answered that I may choose to ask of it. The authority of the Bible is far more like the authority of my mother, concerning whom I entertained no theories of infancy, but who exercised over me an authority that is far more deep, more spiritual, more dominant and controlling than any dictionary ever has or ever will."

Tilting at Caricature  
"The Bible to me is the Book of God, the record of the unfolding of His whole purpose, character and plan to the children of men, and the revelation of the love of the Father to the love of my thinking and my life."

"The folk who habitually bore me preach in New York often with amazement to the sort of attack which you and your fellow are making upon me, and I hope that without discourtesy I may say that they are not at all impressed by the tactics for they have clearly enough that what has happened is that you have drawn a caricature of me and then have gotten angry at it."

In his reply to Dr. Fosdick, Dr. Macartney says the virgin birth is not a question of theories of interpretation, but of fact.

"We, Jesus, and His true born of the Virgin Mary," Dr. Macartney asks: "To this question the Presbyterian Church in its Confession makes definite and plain response: He was born of the Virgin Mary."

"You speak of my interest in dogmatic and theological Christianity," the Philadelphia clergyman wrote. "I feel that with such an interest I am in very good company, the company of St. Paul and St. John, whom you rightly describe as the chief teachers of the Christian Church."

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WEALTHY MAN IS SUICIDE  
New York, Dec. 8.—(By A. P.)—William Freedman, a wealthy shirt manufacturer, thirty-four years old and married, committed suicide last night by hanging, in a Harlem Hotel. He was dependent because of business difficulties.

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