

DR. WISE ATTACKS FASHION'S FOLLIES

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BISHOP DARLINGTON HERE

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olic Churches.**

The follies and sins which have "broken the glass of fashion and deformed society" were attacked by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Rabbi of the Free Synagogue, in his New Year's sermon yesterday. Decadent manners, improper dress, drinking and breaking the law as a joke are some of the symptoms of the time which Dr. Wise said were having a bad effect on all classes.

"No lady or gentleman should give intoxicating drinks to young people," said Dr. Wise. "You expose them if you do to the dangers of drunken brawls that even occur in high society. You should not attempt to foil the Government by evading the prohibition law, but you should observe it, as it is the law of the land. Five years' conformity to the law will wipe out the drink vice."

Dr. Wise denounced excessive dancing at late hours and continued:

"Another evil is the competition in nudity. Another degrading and defiling thing of fashion today is the way young women openly use cosmetics.

"What can we expect from the people of Grand Street and Houston Street when they see such examples as these? I once believed that rottenness started from the bottom of society, but I am now convinced that it comes from the top. The only difference is that the lower elements are brazen and unashamed, while in the high social circles their vulgarity and audacity are disguised."

Bishop James H. Darlington of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Bishop of the diocese of Harrisburg, Pa., preached at the Church of the Beloved Disciple, in Eighty-ninth Street, between Madison and Park Avenues. He was presented to the congregation by the rector, the Rev. George R. Van de Water.

Bishop Darlington dwelt on the close connection between the Protestant Episcopal Church and the Greek Catholic Church, which he said was really the mother church, because the first translations of the scriptures were in Greek and not in Latin. In his recent visit to Constantinople he said that the Patriarch placed about his neck an emblem of the Greek Church. He held it up so that the congregation might see it.

"We both kissed it," he said, "and the Patriarch told me that my church and his church were really one church."

The Roman Catholic Church in America had lost in numbers in all but seven States, the Bishop said, while he said the Protestant Episcopal Church had increased in all but three States.

Dr. Christian F. Relsner, pastor of the Chelsea Methodist Episcopal Church, decried the malicious attempts to create discord between nations in these trying times.

"He is not a good citizen who tried to introduce discord between President Harding and Secretary Hughes, for such malicious efforts may defeat world peace," he said. "He is not a good man who glories in a real or supposed breach between England and France, and gossip may help to produce it. He is not a laudable American who sympathizes with the constant baiting of Japan by this country."

Dr. G. Ashton Oldham, rector of St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Brooklyn Heights, announced yesterday that he had decided not to accept the call to the rectorship of Christ Church, Baltimore. William C. Redfield, Secretary of Commerce in President Wilson's Cabinet, thanked Dr. Oldham for his decision. St. Ann's is the "mother" Episcopal Church of Brooklyn, having been established 138 years ago.