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Things New and Old.

“We feel with all our hearts the need that we should bring out of our treasure house things new as well as old. We believe with an intensity beyond words that it is just in proportion to our alertness to the whisper of any new voice from God in the world of nature or of human impulse and endeavour and corporate life, just in proportion to our range of vision and of aspiration that we shall find power from on high to make the message of Jesus Christ Our Lord ring out and tell among the sons and daughters of men.”

ARCHBISHOP DAVIDSON in Westminster Abbey,
St. Peter's Day, 1925.

“It seemed to be implied (in a resolution of the Upper House of the Convocation of Canterbury) that there was some theological principle which established an inherent difference between the Ministry of Women and the Ministry of Men. He knew of no such principle. The only theological principle in this respect that he knew was that in Christ Jesus there was neither male nor female.”

DR. SWAYNE, late Bishop of Lincoln,
June, 1931.

“*Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellow-prisoners, who are of note among the Apostles, who also were in Christ before me.*”

Romans xvi 7.

“To be Apostles is indeed a great thing: but to be also of note among them, consider what high praise that is. . . . Oh, how great was the devotion of this woman that she should be accounted worthy of the appellation of Apostle!

ST. CHRYSOSTOM.

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"If the Church is alive it . . . can meet a new situation by creating an appropriate instrument. . . . To develop its ministerial system by admitting women to the priesthood would only be to continue the process by which the whole of the institutional structure of the Church has come into being."

Women in Holy Orders by CANON C. E. RAVEN, D.D.

"Experiments in the direction of utilising the help of women in the Church . . . are (only) to be undertaken in the interests of the Church itself. It is a shame that the cause of our Lord and of His Church should not have at its disposal all the spiritual resources that are available."

'*A Large Room*' by the VERY REV. S. C. CARPENTER, Dean of Exeter.

"Few would argue that the experience of marriage or motherhood debarred a woman from administering the knowledge and love of God; many would urge, with memory of their own mothers and wives, that it was the finest possible qualification . . . there is no valid reason why a woman priest should not be seconded from the full exercise of her office during the time when home and family make demands on her."

'*Women and Holy Orders*' by CANON C. E. RAVEN, D.

"The Church of England holds to-day a unique position in the Church of Christ. . . we have also an unique responsibility. When fresh problems arise, whether of thought or practice, we may not, we dare not, look aside to others, we must ever be ready to lead the way."

CANON B. H. STREETER, D.D.
Church Congress, 1919.

"If it is important that the Church should meet the call of the world for the universal Gospel, it is not less important for it to foster and promote the spiritual growth of womanhood and the partnership of all the children of God in service to their common Father and as equals in His family. It cannot do so unless it accepts both sexes as eligible for ordination."

'*Women in Holy Orders*'
by CANON C. E. RAVEN, D.D.

"My appeal then is to Christ, and to him alone, as the fountain head of those essential truths which it is our wisdom to apply to the changing circumstances, and the progressive development of human society."

The Storm Bell, 1900, JOSEPHINE BUTLER.

"Only indeed when we can restore Christ in that fulness of His Manhood which holds in mystic balance both that which is male and that which is female shall we be able to say that in Him 'there is neither Jew nor Greek, neither bond nor free, neither male nor female.' And if there was a moment in history when the contribution of what we call the feminine qualities was essential, assuredly it is the time when civilisation is sensitive lest there should be a domination of mere might."

The Church and Women, by JOHN LEE.

"How shall it be done with me as Thou hast said? . . . For my sex is an obstacle as Thou knowest, Lord. . . because it is contemptible in men's eyes. . . But the Lord answered, "I pour out the favour of my Spirit on whom I will. There is neither male nor female, plebeian or noble. All are equal before me."

Diary of St. Catherine of Siena.

"If society is to be saved from the subtle or flagrant plague of wrong relations between individual men and women, it will only be by placing women generally in their right relations to men generally as equal partners in the social and religious work of the world."

THE BISHOP OF GOULBOURN,
Address to his Synod, 1924.

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