

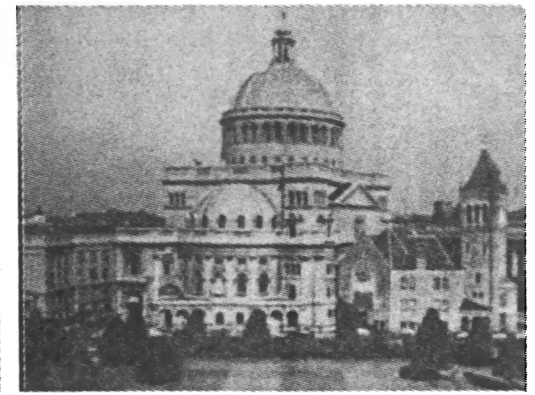
DEATH CAME for Pope Leo XIII in 1903. The aristocratic 97 year-old pope was succeeded by Guiseppe Sarto. This Venetian of humble birth became Pius X and to him was left the problem of "Modernism."



ADVANCE guard of modern literary clergymen, Edward Everett Hale, author of *Man Without a Country*, died 1909.



A HALF CENTURY OF CRUSADE ended when Mary Baker Eddy died in 1910. Her doctrine, that health is supplied by applying the preachings and healings of Christ, had spread throughout the world. The mother church was First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Boston.



MODERNISM TESTS RELIGION

A crisis in religion swept over Christian countries at the beginning of the century. Blown about by the night winds of science, speculations of liberal scholars, and the conscience of many clergymen, the crisis of "Modernism" touched every church and left its mark.

Modernists questioned the Scriptures and renounced ancient creeds. For them, Darwinian science and modern knowledge disproved the Bible. From Rome came papal decrees charging heresy, hushing this storm within the Catholic church. Fundamentalists took shelter in new formed churches: The Pillar of Fire, Nazarene, Pentecostal, the Assemblies of God, the Fire-baptized Holiness Church, Seventh-day Adventist. Liberals turned Unitarian and Humanist, and radicals became agnostics.

But the controversy had inspired many evangelists, and their burning zeal to convert sinners helped swell U. S. church membership from the 36,000,000 of 1900 to 52,000,000 in 1914. Immigration had increased Catholic ranks 62% but Protestants still outnumbered them 3 to 1.

The new movements weakened the importance of sectarian creeds and the Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, and others unified. Thirty-three churches formed Federal Council of Churches of Christ (1908).

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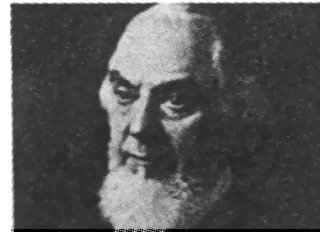
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FUNDAMENTALIST, SCIENTIST, ATHEIST engaged in bitter feud. Best selling author and evangelist, "Pastor" Charles Russell (l.) preached against evolution theory of Charles Darwin (c.) and atheism of Robert Ingersoll (r.).

SOCIAL CHRISTIANITY tempered the times. Dan Beard of the Boy Scouts, YMCA'S John Mott, and William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, brought Christian organizations world attention. Gen. Booth died in 1912.

