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RUSSIA.

"The whirligig has spun. Hitler's genius for treachery has made Britain, with its jealous regard for personal liberty and an inheritance traditionally Christian, the associate in arms of the godless and persecuting Soviets. Christians are bound to claim the precedent of Mr. Churchill's speech for stating that no word which they have spoken about atheistic and materialistic communism shall be unsaid. The blood of thousands of martyrs can only be washed out by deep repentance and bitter sacrifice. On the other hand, again following Mr. Churchill, Christians who are themselves in arms against the most cynically immoral power in history, cannot refuse to aid or to be aided by whatever nation or government is actively opposed to Nazidom. One does not stop to ask the casual assistant in a rough and tumble to display his certificate of baptism, before accepting his services in the general effort to dispose of a homicidal maniac. . . .

So far as we understand the matter. Great Britain and Russia are not allied, but associated in a common undertaking. The distinction is important. Practical co-operation is perfectly possible between people who are agreed on their immediate objects. This is the case with the democracies and the Soviets. Both agree to aid one another in every way calculated to bring about the destruction of the menace which threatens them both. This is co-operation for a limited purpose and only for so long a time as may be required to secure that purpose. An alliance involves something deeper."

That is a quotation from the Church Times and may, I think, be taken as the ordinary instructed view of the Christian at the moment. But we must not forget that the Russians have shewn in many ways that very many remain Christians in spite of the official attitude of their government. Perhaps the fact that we are now co-operators may bring about a closer understanding between Christians who see the need for large social reform in our own country, and Communists who realise the need to combat human sin in Russia as elsewhere. Such an understanding may bring

into existence a truly vital and inspiring Christian dynamic. But I doubt if mere negative opposition to Hitler will achieve much of what we truly need.

RUSHBEARING

The Rushbearing will take place this year on Saturday, August 9th. Further detail will be given in next month's issue, but it is hoped that there will be little need of change from the ordinary programme, though the tea on the Monday will be impossible.

PRAYER

It is an old rule that our prayers should not be selfish; I quote an old prayer here as an example of

HOW NOT TO PRAY.

"O Lord, Thou knowest I have mine estates in the City of London and that I have likewise purchased an estate in fee-simple in the County of Essex. I beseech Thee to preserve the two counties of Middlesex and Essex from fire and earthquake, and as I have a mortgage in Hertfordshire I beg thee have an eye of compassion upon that county. For the rest of the counties, Thou mayest deal with them as Thou art pleased."

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