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Goodwill Between Nations and In

Daily Life

THE need for goodwill, not only between nation and nation, but between man and man, in countries, in homes, and in the daily lives of the people, was stressed by the Rev. H. V. Becker when he addressed the members of the National Council of Women at the monthly meeting of the Kimberley branch in the City Hall yesterday afternoon.

This was the first meeting of the branch since Goodwill Week was observed last month, and it was felt that goodwill was an appropriate subject for the speaker.

Mr. Becker explained that the spirit that drove the world to-day was, unfortunately, a spirit of division instead of unity, and of greed and selfishness instead of goodwill.

"Under the guidance of the spirit of goodwill the world could be one," he said. "In the last war men and women made sacrifices for the cause of peace, yet to-day we find the nations divided against each other and within their own administration."

Taking Germany as an example, Mr. Becker said that this was once a sound nation, which led the cultural life of Europe. It was hoped that once the spirit that had destroyed Germany had itself been destroyed, that the country would once again be able

to take its place as a builder of the peace.

Instead, it had emerged as a nation of warring ideologies, misery and suffering. Before the war the youth of Germany had been given an ideal, and they were prepared to make any sacrifice to uphold that ideal. Now that had been taken from them, and they had been given nothing to replace it.

If they turned towards the democracy of the West they found people who were not upholding the ideals of democracy, and who were seeking to gain from the suffering of others. If they looked to the East for an ideal they found a dictatorship worse than any they had ever known.

NEW WAY OF LIFE

So, to-day, they were searching for a new way of life. Britain had done much to help them, but had been thwarted by division within her own democracy and by the dictatorship of the eastern powers.

The only answer was to turn to the spirit of good—the Spirit of God—and in God's will could be

found the spirit to conquer the forces of evil that were abroad to-day.

Among the great forces for good in Germany to-day was the Oxford Group movement, with its programme of moral rearmament, and this movement had met with a wonderful response from the German people.

CONCLUSION

Mr. Becker concluded his address by asking Mrs. N. Welham to sing "The Whole World Is My Neighbour," from the play "The Forgotten Fact," at present being produced in this country by members of the Oxford Group movement.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Becker and Mrs. Welham was proposed by Miss I. Southern.