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AT ROTARY—Whilst Christmas is the happiest holiday of the year, its religious significance must not be forgotten. We must never take Christ out of Christmas, either for the sake of ourselves or our children said Rev. H. D. Raymond in the course of his address on Christmas given yesterday at the Rotary luncheon. Mr. Raymond stressed the point that the incentive for Christmas giving is based on the marvellous gift of God when he gave his only begotten Son to the world. Whilst we should make Christmas happy for our own children, those who are childless themselves should endeavor to make it happy for other children he said. His address was greatly appreciated by the Rotarians judging from the loud applause at the close. Rotarian Orrin MacGregor was chairman. There was one guest, Rev. Dr. A. C. Vincent, of Charlottetown. The musical program comprised a vocal solo admirably sung by Miss Gwynneth Fry, daughter of Mr. Harry Fry, accountant at the Canadian National Hotel. Miss Fry was heartily encored. President Wilfred Boulter announced that District Governor Chesley Allen, of Halifax, would visit the club next week, and after some discussion it was decided to hold a special meeting to be addressed by Governor Allen on Thursday next, Dec. 29th, at 1 p. m. Secretary Bissett read letters from Miss Amy Earle, of the Free Dispensary, and Miss Catherine MacLean, Supervisor of the Junior Red Cross, acknowledging donations from the Rotary Club of $62 and $300 respectively.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Whear returned Saturday night from an extended visit to New York.

Friends will regret to learn that Miss Bessie Blanchard, organist at St. Dunstan's Basilica, was compelled to enter the City Hospital on Saturday where she underwent a minor operation yesterday.

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IN MEMORIAM

MRS. ANGUS MACLELLAN

A highly esteemed resident of Indian River passed away on Monday morning, Dec. 12th, when the angel of death claimed the spirit of Mrs. Angus MacLellan. Her death came as a severe shock, although she had not been feeling well for about a month, her illness not being considered serious and her devoted family hoped that a complete rest would soon restore her to health, but God willed otherwise and fortified by the last rites of the Catholic Church of which she was a faithful member, she passed peacefully away at the age of seventy-five years. Her many fine qualities of heart and mind, her bright and cheerful disposition, blended with deep faith and sincere piety constituted her the ideal mother and home-maker.

She leaves to mourn the loss of a devoted mother, three sons, Augustin, Bernard and Gervase, all residing in Indian River and three daughters, Mrs. E. Babine, Bath, Me.; Mrs. Joseph Fisher, Fort Augustus, and Miss Amelia. Also one brother John A. McLellan, Indian River, and one sister, Mrs. Joseph Steele, Souris, and a wide circle of friends, whose sympathy goes out to the family in their bereavement.

Her funeral was held on Wednesday morning to St. Mary's Church, Indian River, where a Requiem Mass was sung by her pastor, Rev. R. F. McDonald, after which her remains were reverently laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery, beside those of her husband and sons, who predeceased her. The pall bearers were: P. S. MacIntyre, Jeremiah Hynes, William Mann, Parmenas Phillips, John Murphy and N. J. McNeill.

The following Mass Cards were received: Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McLellan, Mr. and Mrs. Gervase McLellan, Mr. and Mrs. John A. McLellan, Mrs. Margaret McLellan, Mrs. Margaret McLellan's family, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fisher, League of The Sacred Heart, Augustine and Amelia McLellan, Mr. Roy Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Steele.—R. Requiescat In Pace.

Married Four Women Faces Sanity Test

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Because Louis George married four women seven times without enough divorces to even things up with the law, Judge William Allen in General Sessions yesterday suspended sentence on bigamy charges while prison authorities attempted to determine whether George was sane or not. The bigamist pleaded guilty to the same charges last year but because he spent most of his time on ships at sea as an engineer's helper he was permitted to report to the probation officer by mail. He not only failed to report, but remarried at least once during the probation period.

Just how many wives George has had in various ports, probation officers were unable to ascertain. George, who was arrested aboard the American Banker on December 6, told probation men that his affairs were getting "a bit too mixed up" for even him to understand them. But the report charged that George had married and remarried at least six or seven times, was divorced twice, deserted a wife once and had another marriage annulled.

One wife, Evelyn Taylor of North Shields, England, who was the third on George's list, came to America with him and caused him no little anxiety. He married her three times, was deserted by her once, and divorced her once. At the present time, according to the probation report, she has disappeared, leaving three of her seven children including six-year-old twins, in an orphanage. During this marriage George married, divorced and remarried Betty Weinberg in New York. Probation officers told Judge Allen that the prisoner had also married Mary G. Kane in Cohoes, N.Y., but George insisted that he had never heard of Miss Kane.

Death of Slatin Pasha Romance

The career of one of the most romantic figures of modern times ended with the death in Vienna of Sir Rudolf Slatin, formerly Inspector-General of the Sudan and famous in Anglo-Egyptian history as Slatin Pasha.

Sir Rudolf who was 75 and had been ill for many weeks, was one of Gordon's men in the Sudan. He was for 11 years captive of the Mahdi. The Arab leader who had declared a holy war against foreigners in the Sudan and escaped to fight at the battle of Omdurman, which ended the old misrule of that era. His last visit to England was in June of this year, when he had luncheon with the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace.

Slatin Pasha, to use the name which this Austrian soldier set high in British military history was born near Vienna in 1857, went to Egypt at 17 as a clerk, and returned home to serve in the Austrian Army.

Twenty-Seven Battles

Then at 22 came the great chance of his life. For Gordon, having seen something in this youth that appealed to him, offered him first a minor post, and almost at once, when he was still but 22, made him Governor of Dara, the south-western part of Darfu, in the Sudan.

That was in the days of the Mahdi's power, and young Slatin, spending days in the saddle fought 27 battles, made his name feared as the "Hammer of the Arabs", and cleared his territory of hostile forces.

But the forces of the Mahdi in other parts were too strong. The army of Hicks Pasha had been destroyed, Gordon was shut up in Khartum, and Slatin, rather than sacrifice lives in a hopeless cause, surrendered to the Mahdi in 1884.

His life was spared, but he was placed in chains, made to work as a slave, and offered easier treatment if he would persuade Gordon to surrender. He refused, and then one day, as he toiled under the burning sun, Gordon's head was flung before him.

Escape Across Desert

For eleven years he remained captive at Omdurman. Then at last he escaped, travelled 18 days across the desert in thirst and hunger, and reached the British lines.

After a short rest he joined with Kitchener in the campaign, of which the battle of Omdurman and the breaking of the power of the Khalifa, the Mahdi's successor, was the climax.

Then, still devoting himself to the land in which he had suffered so terribly he put the crowning stone on his career by acting as British Inspector General of the Sudan from 1900 to 1914. Under his rule he saw the vast region recover from its long history of war to become a peaceful land of agriculture and industry. He was given the rank of honorary major-general in the British Army and lieut.-general in the Egyptian Army. He had already been knighted in 1898.

Medals At Bedside

When the war broke out he had the difficult choice between two countries, that of his birth and the one for which he had fought during his life. He solved the problem by taking a non-combatant role, in Austria, under the Red Cross, and looked after war prisoners.

It was told of him that when wounded in the hand on one of his campaigns, he coolly amputated a finger with his sword against a rock and returned to the fighting business of the day.

During his last illness Slatin Pasha always kept his British medals and decorations by his bedside. He had a stomach operation last month and went to a sanatorium to recover, but began to weaken on Sunday.

His marriage gave him a further link with Britain, for his wife, Baroness Alice von Ramberg, whom he married in 1914, and who died in 1921, was the granddaughter of Baron von Ramberg, the Austrian A.D.C. to the Duke of Wellington at the Battle of Waterloo.—Daily Mail.

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The Magic Compass

The 1932 Declination Chart of Canada just published by the Topographical Survey of the Department of the Interior, showing the variation of the compass in all parts of Canada calls to mind this wonderful instrument which for many centuries has guided man in his travels about the earth. The invention of the magnetic compass is lost in the dawn of history. It is first mentioned in a quaint Chinese legend which relates that the Emperor Ho-ang-ti in 2634 B. C. led forth his army and attacked the rebel Khiang on the plains of Tchou-lou. But Khiang, getting the worst of the conflict, called the wizards, magicians and sorcerers to his aid, who raised a great fog—forerunner of the modern smoke screen—to hide Khiang and his rebel army. Then the Emperor, not to be outdone, in his turn used the greater magic of the compass which led his army through the great fog so that he overcame Khiang.

Chinese Compass

Be that as it may, the compass was undoubtedly known in China at a very early age. The Chinese, however, were guided by the south end of the needle which they painted red, whereas we are guided by the north end, their name for the compass bing "ting-nan-ching," or "needle pointing south." This was probably because in China the south was considered the honorable quarter, since the Emperors held audiences facing south and important buildings were erected to face south.

Chinese Geomantic Compass

The Chinese used the compass not only as a direction finder but as instrument of geomancy or divination which may be defined as the science of obtaining knowledge of secret or future events by such means as oracles, omens and astrology.

In this connection it will be recalled that ancient Greece had its oracles such as that at Delphi, Rome had its augurs, and the Middle Ages had swarms of astrologers.

Ancient Navigation

The records of classical times prove that the navigation of Greece and Rome was carried on by means of the sun and stars; there is no mention of the compass. But whereas the Greeks used the Great Bear, the Romans and Anglo-Saxons used Polaris—the North Star—as being nearer true north. Thus navigators had no guide in cloudy weather. The Phoenicians have often been credited with knowledge of the compass because of their long voyages. Had the annals of Tyre and Sidon been preserved, the answer would be known perhaps; though the Phoenicians took great precautions to preserve their secrets of trade and navigation.

The European Compass

It had long been thought that the compass had been brought from China to Europe in the twelfth century, most probably by the Arabians, as it was known that the Arabian and Chinese traders met in the Persian Gulf. But the earliest definite record of the compass in Europe—that by Alexander Neckam, monk of St. Albans, England—shows that the compass was in common use in Northern Europe in 1187 A. D. when still unknown in the Mediterranian. All present evidence therefore suggests that the compass was not brought from China to Europe but that the European compass was invented in Northern Europe in the twelfth century.

Led Way to New World

Because of its great practical value as a guide in all weathers, it rapidly came into general use and enabled Christopher Columbus to sail west from Spain, by day and by night, through fair and stormy weather to discover the New World.

Leads Way Today

Although the compass has been known for so many centuries, it is today more widely used than ever before. Throughout the vast continents and on the neighboring seas, when skies are fair or the storm king rules, through numbing cold of winter and summer's welcome spell, it is the sure-fire pathfinder, the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night to the sailor afloat on the heaving main, the airman above the clouds, the miner far underground, and explorers, hunters, trappers and prospectors penetrating the pathless forests, the jumbled mountains, the virgin wilderness and the far North.

Needle Does Not Point True North

Contrary to story book report, the compass-needle does not point truth north but more or less to the east or west at different places. Thus its direction at Halifax, N. S., is 23 degrees west of north, while at Victoria, B. C., it is 24 degrees east of north. This is because the magnetic poles of the earth do not lie at the geographic poles shown on our maps of the world. In fact the north magnetic pole lies on Boothia peninsula on the Arctic coast of Canada just northwest of Hudson Bay, and the south magnetic pole lies on South Victoria Land south from New Zealand.

Declination Charts

In olden times the true direction of the compass needle at many places was set down in books and sailing directions; but in 1701 Edmund Halley, of Halley comet fame, invented the declination chart which shows in condensed form all that a book could show in many pages. In order to know "where the compass is at" therefore the various countries measure the true direction of the compass needle at various places which is called the "declination" or "variation" of the compass, and publish it on declination charts. Such information is particularly valuable in such a large new country as Canada, and it is interesting to note that such measures were started on the east coast by Jacques Cartier, 1534 and on the west coast by Sir Francis Drake, 1579.

The Needle Changes Direction Yearly

It might be thought the needle would be satisfied with pointing in a different direction at each place, but such is not the case, for at each and every place the needle changes direction yearly in a very confusing manner. These changes are now considered to be caused by "parasite magnetic poles" produced by changes taking place inside the earth. Thus declination charts must be revised from time to time to keep them up to date.

Canada's New Declination Chart

Since 1880 the Topographical Survey Department of the Interior, has been measuring the direction of the compass needle in conjunction with its other work and has to date. It has also compiled and published the only Declination Charts of Canada, at five year intervals, not only from its own measures but also from those made by the various other Dominion and Provincial government offices. Thus following out this policy, all concerned have co-operated to produce the new 1932 Declination Chart of Canada just published.

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