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IS THE WORLD GROWING BETTER?

Amid the sacrifice and the sorrow of the past four years men are anxiously asking—to what good? Is the world receiving or going to receive value for the price paid? The question is being variously answered. One points to the hospitals, the charitable institutions, the churches, the missionary enterprises and the other thousand undertakings for the benefit of mankind and convincingly tells the skeptic, as was told to one of old who had his doubts: "The blind receive their sight and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them."

This is literally true. Through the advance of science, medical and surgical and with the appliances provided in our hospitals, the blind receive their sight, the lame, the deaf, the sick are healed and those on the verge of death are brought back to life. True, this is not all done merely for the love of the blind, the sick, the deaf, but a large proportion of it undoubtedly is, a proportion, perhaps, that still leaves the benefactor a reasonable average margin of profit. "The poor have the gospel preached to them"—at least if they are not too poor to go to church, and, even then, few of them are wholly overlooked.

Scientifically, industrially, commercially, the world has made amazing progress within the past quarter of a century, within even the past decade, made progress even in the midst of the noise and murder and sorrow of the war. In thousands of individual cases spiritual and moral progress has been made; thousands have been touched by the sorrows of others; thousands of men and women have been inspired to sacrifice by the sacrifice of others. But have the great masses been touched? Have those who really constitute the nation risen to that "righteousness that exalteth a nation?" This question, we fear, cannot be answered unqualifiedly in

the affirmative. There has been no general, genuine moral or spiritual betterment. The cold hard hand of commercialism has fallen upon nearly every human endeavour, has even touched those virtues which once characterized us as a people. Note how often we demand that our charities be publicly credited to us; how many of our patriotic and philanthropic efforts must be proclaimed from the housetops; how often even our efforts in defence of our nation and our liberties and our civilization must show a commercial return in our favour. There are exceptions of course. Many have made noble sacrifices; and there are the hundreds of thousands over there who have risked all, many who have given all. Is the proportion of these large enough to enable us to measure up to the "righteousness that exalteth a nation?" Is the heaven sufficient to leaven the whole national lump?

The mellowing influence of "the sorrows of others" has opened ears that, heretofore, had been deaf to the voice of pity and charity, has loosened the strings of money bags that had never known the "sweet sense of providing for others," but with this influence has also grown that of commercialism and self-seeking, manifesting itself in profiteering, in extortionate prices, in an unholly thirst for wealth. Selfishness is the root evil of the world, the modern world's besetting sin. In these latter days of ours it has flourished in the hotbed of commercial prosperity and today it threatens to smother our best impulses, cool our loftiest aspirations.

These diverse influences are growing side by side. Sacrifice and sorrow have fertilized the one; commercialism and greed are feeding the other. On the survival and domination of one or the other of these depends whether our civilization is or is not worth the price that is being paid for it "over there."

GERMANY'S GUILT

How long will Germany, now facing alone a world in arms, hold out against the inevitable? This is a question that cannot be answered but judging from Germany's past, she may be expected to hold out as long as her soldiers consent to be slaughtered and her people consent to bear the ills that the war is bringing them. German militarism, which cannot realize that there is no crooked way out of the dilemma into which they have fallen, may be depended upon to hold out till they are unable to move or fire a shot. They are still looking for terms.

Terms? They are too late. They have been found out; the real Germanism is now known to the world. The latest revelations come from a book published by a German, Dr. George Frederick Nicolai, Professor of Physiology in the University of Berlin who had been imprisoned because of the sentiments in a book published by him on "The Biology of the War."

Sir Theodore A. Cook, in the Nineteenth Century, says this book should be issued by the British Government as part of the literary propaganda of the Allies. He quotes numerous passages from this remarkable book, among them the following which alone should lead to little compunction as to what

punishment may be meted out to German militarists:

"A little while ago one of our best educated officers, a man of the highest standing (whose name I will not mention for the sake of his great merits, since I am certain he will regret this question as soon as peace is re-established) asked me whether it was not possible to throw bombs with cholera germs or plague bacilli behind the enemy's lines. When I told him I did not consider the idea very practical or very human, he answered me with a contemptuous movement of his hand: 'What have we to do with humanity in this war? Germany is entitled to do anything she likes.' And, I am sorry to say, there are millions who think like him. Thus a Staff Surgeon at Granden: told me 'he had often wondered whether he might not somehow or other slip into Russia and inoculate the Russians with live germs: everything was permissible against that kind of spawn.'"

This was the way in which Germany fought; her end should in some degree measure up to the enormity of her guilt and no pity need be wasted upon her when she drains the last dregs of the cup that is now at her lips.

A STRANGE CHOICE TO MAKE

A characteristic of the present influenza epidemic, says the New York Times, is that its victims are chosen so largely from among the healthiest and strongest part of the population—people between the ages of fifteen and forty. This is the class whose susceptibility to all

disease is normally less, and whose normal death rate is lower, than any other. Yet now children and folk, elderly or old, are comparatively immune to the prevailing scourge. This peculiarity has not been noticed in any previous epidemic of influenza, and not even approximately authoritative, or even plausible, explanation of it has been given. Strange as this selection is, it does not prove that the country is suffering from a new disease. No phenomenon of medicine is more familiar than the variation in nature and effects shown by the same malady at different times. The 'strains' of the same bacteria vary all the way from that of killing to that of inflicting only inconvenience, and we are now dealing, apparently, with a generation of the influenza bacillus that finds a mysteriously favorable field of development in the young and vigorous.

Your Problems Solved

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TRUE BLESSEDNESS: "What blessings do true Christians enjoy not enjoyed by those who are not Christians?" asks "An Outsider." A sinner is under the condemnation of God, while a Christian is not. A sinner is fighting his conscience all the time, while a Christian is at peace with his conscience and with God. A Christian has the peace of God in his heart which passeth all understanding, while a sinner is always self condemned. A Christian is the inheritor of all the promises of God, while a sinner has the wrath of God resting upon him.

CONFESSION AND RESTITUTION:

Daily Selections For Guardian Readers

Furnished by W. S. Louson

GROWING OLD BEAUTIFULLY

"We all do fade as a leaf." When we see how a leaf lies, we appreciate the fading life. The glory of the leaf is in its dying. Even now the forests are beginning to glow. There are few manifestations of nature more captivating of the sense of beauty than a forest in its autumnal glory. Nor is the contemplation of the individual leaf less inspiring. It is nature's way of saying "God is love."

The fading life of a man is like unto the dying leaf—that is, as it should be. God intended it should. He has made it possible for the life that has been spent in busy labor to respond to the first touch of decay with signs of beauty that should make old age almost alluring.

It is one of the saddest comments but true, that we all do not fade as the leaf. Old age is dreaded; most people shrink from its approach fully conscious of the colorless days it will bring. Science has done much to lessen the infirmities of age—teeth, eyesight, better hearing. But these are not what make it possible for the aged to glow with the glory of autumn. It is love and comfort born of appreciation. When society shall have made proper provision for old-age pensions, when homes or all dependent aged shall have been provided; and last but not most needed, when sons and daughters shall have given to aged parents the choicest seat in the home and bestowed upon them their fondest affections, then will old age fade as the leaf, reflecting back upon the rising generation a wondrous glow, and give verisimilitude to Browning's invitation.

"Grow old along with me; The best is yet to be, The last of life, for which the first was made."

"If a man who has wronged another, desires the forgiveness of his sins, will it or not be necessary for him first to confess his wrong doing, and make restitution to the one he has wronged?" asks, "A Penitent." A truly penitent man will be very anxious to repair all the wrongs he has done, and to make restitution to the extent of his ability to all whom he may have defrauded. It is not a matter of being compelled, but of being glad to do this. If a person finds himself unwilling to do so he is not penitent.

BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK. S J C

States that he was born out of wedlock and contemplating marriage bearing his mother's name, wants to know how he can escape the disgrace of giving the name of his father when procuring the marriage certificate, and in giving the necessary facts to the officiating clergyman? So far as I know there is no way to escape telling your father's name but your so called illegitimate birth is no disgrace to you. If you are personally worthy, you are as much respected by those who know you whose respect is worth anything, as if your parents were legally married. You need not blush, or be ashamed to tell those whose business it is to know the facts of your birth. No person but a fool or knave or a vile person will shun you, or think less of you because of your misfortune, so walk with your head up, look the world square in the face, but see that you "make good."

MOTHER

Who more than anyone else in the world ought to have a Victory Bond? Your Mother. You are paying for your own subscription. That is right. But have you begun to pay for hers? It is possible that Mother has not enough in her purse to buy a Victory Bond. Her purse that she has used day by day to buy food, to pay for the children's shoes and stockings, is not lined with gold because she has spent her money for others. Mother seldom has a big bank account. We know why.

If all the mothers in Canada had a Victory Bond, peace would be assured. If every Mother who has sent a soldier had a bond, the path of gold would shine from sea to sea, from Dawson to Niagara Falls. Anyone who has money can buy a Bond and may induce a hundred others to subscribe. But buying a Bond for mother is a recognition of what she has done for you and the world.

We believe in motherhood, tenderness, truth, justice and decency. This is what this war is about. This is why the Victory Loan must be oversubscribed. No one can make a better investment than lending money to the Government of Canada. But there is a greater reason for subscribing to this Victory Loan than the safety and worth of the investment. When we buy these bonds we buy them for motherhood, we buy them for all that makes life worth living. If anyone in the world would like to buy a Victory Bond, it is Mother. Have you thought of that? You are the one person who has the best right to buy it for her.

Ask for Minard's and take no other.

The War will Come to an End

"The war will come to an end when the Allied armies have reached the aim which they set out to attain—if the war comes to an end a minute before, it will be the greatest disaster that has ever befallen mankind."
PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE

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