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Lenten Meditations

THE TWO KINGS
(The London-Times)

The story of the Nativity, as it is related in St. Matthew's Gospel, turns to no small extent on the dramatic contrast between the two kings who figure in it: One of them Herod, came to his throne by intrigue and violence and reigned it only by subservience to Rome; of the other it can be said that he was "hohn king."

Just because he has no legitimate claim to the position he occupies, Herod at the height of his power is inwardly insecure. He fears nothing so much as the appearance of some one who springs from the royal line of Israel.

The child, on the other hand has nothing but the royalty that is native to him, that is so much part of himself that it needs no outward show to support it and no armed power to avert it.

By every human calculation it would appear that in the contest between the two the advance lies with Herod; but the reader of the story knows that he was not the victor and why.

In the words of A. N. Whitehead: "The life of Christ is not an exhibition of overruling power. Its glory is for those who can discern it, and not for the world. Its power lies in its absence of force. It has the decisiveness of a supreme ideal, and that is why its history of the world divides at this point of time."

The whole life of Christ might be taken as an illustration of those words. Already at the temptation he met and rejected the suggestion that he should conform to one feature of the popular expectation and grasp at political, perhaps even at military, power to bring the kingdom of God.

When he entered Jerusalem for his last visit it was to the accompaniment of a demonstration which, whether the spectators understood it or not, was meant to assert beyond doubt that the only kingdom he sought to exercise was one to which coercion would be wholly strange. And in between he had come to the clear conviction that while his destiny was to be one of glory, the way thereto would lead him through rejection and death.

Each Easter as it comes, renewing the hope of peace and at the same time sharpening the fear of yet more terrible forms of strife, sets before men the choice between Herod and Christ. Power there must be in so complex a world, not only the power which men exercise over things, but also that far more dangerous power which they exercise over their fellows.

In which direction will it turn? Towards Herod whose own ambition is his only law and who rules in the last resort by the fear he inspires? Or towards Christ, who came, not to impose himself but to give himself, and whose kingship rests on consent and prevails by love?

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

It comes to mind that Jamie, who has just put by his toys and books and gone to his bed has inherited at least one trait from his farmer grandfather. We see a similarity between the two in mornings that often brings a smile. For when hardly awake, Jamie rises to take stock of the weather from a window, as is James' custom, though Jamie may not read its vagaries upon the surface of the mill-pond. Towards the east, Jamie's window lies, and there topping a hill, he can look for the amber and gold or the pale flush of pink of the sunrise. "It's fine!" his voice broke the lovely silence that had prevailed all last night. "It's fine yet — but there's not a sign of the sun."

Then after a pause "Guess it will rain." And with young thoughts on the day ahead "I wonder if I'll be walking to school today — if so I'd better get off before a shower!" A chill wind of morning was his escort when in time he left the house and there was a joy in his step that sent us who watched him out of sight into the spruce-lined roadway beyond Mr. A.'s gate, happily to our work. Pleasant indeed it is to see these children of ours — and all everywhere, start away bright and well and happy to the affairs of their day!

As the sheltered woody place swallowed up the small figure, granddaughter's face came to mind. She is better now. She had been ill over the week-end, and we thought it so good that she too would be back this morning to her busy interests. Sunday she was listless against her pillow, and the family at Alderlea was silent, stepping quietly about the rooms. Wandering, hoping that she who brings so much joy and happiness there, might not be now entering upon a spell of serious illness. Small, gowns hung desolately on their hangers; a faded blue bonnet topped a much worn made-over coat upon which also rested a bright plaid scarf, on a hook. When children are well every last article of wearing apparel they possess is alive and expectant. We recall how detected these appeared, as was her company of horses and cattle and all her favorite play-things arrayed on and about a low table in the kitchen.

"You'll never guess," Jeanie whispered to her, holding a neat hot hand, "who's down beneath the window waiting for Hilda?" For the moment fear knocked at our heart. In a time of illness, words take on queer meanings and innocent actions are often found out to be ominous. Besides, even history has found its omens.

"Blackie — the pup has been there since you came to bed at noon. Yes, all afternoon he's been there, waiting for you to come to play!" She brightened for a moment, and a bit of a smile played about her lips. "Perhaps Granddaddy told him Nanna was coming!" "Yes," we said quickly, "that was it — he was only waiting for Nanna to come!" And so she is better today — indeed has improved steadily since the Doctor's Sunday night visit, relieving an anxious family, and returning her presently to her usual good health.

This day has been rather dreary, showery and lately fog-hung. We thought the effect beautiful when the soft quiet, mist of it enveloped the farmsteads on the opposite slope but the children could find little charm in the gray veil that shut us in darkly in the early evening.

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Pioneer Days

In P. E. I.
By F. H. MacArthur

Pioneer fox-farming began in Prince Edward Island 78 years ago when Benjamin Heywood of Tignish obtained a few litters from foxes held in captivity. This venture was not a success, however, as the pups were destroyed by their parents. Between the years 1872 and 1890, a few others tried to raise foxes in captivity, but little success attended these early efforts.

The business was first placed on a commercial basis by Charles Dalton of Tignish and Robert Oulton of Alberton. These men conceived the idea of wire-netting enclosures and from then on the fox industry got out to a good start. Encouraged by their success, others took up fox-farming so that by 1912, the whole Island was a scene of great activity. Here was born a brand-new industry that fanned out until it covered many parts of the earth and brought fame and fortune to its founders. Breeders were going around with smiles on their faces and with pockets bulging with banknotes. Pelts were bringing fabulous prices and stock for breeding purposes skyrocketed to almost unbelievable figures.

Little Prince Edward Island was going places; speculation ran riot; companies sprang up like mushrooms. Why worry about the future when all one had to do was to invest his hard-earned money in foxes and presto! the world was his feet.

News of these Eldorado in the Garden of the Gulf swept the country like a prairie fire and large amounts of money were soon invested in the fox-farming industry. Yes, the boom was in full swing and by 1911, a pair of first-class silvers was worth \$24,000. This was the opportune time for the men who had a ready owned foxes and knew something about breeding methods and general care, or them the rainbow's end and the pot of gold was indeed a reality. Well-fellowed, all the sold out lock stock and barrel and retired from the business.

What about the newcomers? Did they have heavy investments? Did they look good to them? It may have looked all right but alas! most of them lost their money. What with heavy financial losses and the outbreak of the First World War, the glittering bubble burst and only a few well-managed concerns weathered the gale. This was accomplished mainly by selling only enough pelts to meet current expenses and for further expansion of their ranches.

1914-1920 was a period of reconstruction, a period when even the surviving ranchers stepped lightly. Everyone realized that the boom days were ended. Never again would pelts and breeding stock command the prices they had fetched back in the heyday of the industry. Yet a few ranchers held on with a persistence that some folks admired and others laughed at.

In 1920 the Department of Agriculture granted a charter to the Canadian Silver Fox Breeders' Association with headquarters at Summerside. Under this charter, pedigreed foxes were recognized and pedigree certificates were issued by the National Livestock Records at Ottawa.

Even pedigreed stock, however, failed to solve the rancher's problem. The once flourishing business was due for still greater setbacks. This was partly brought about by Dame Fashion, who now stepped into the picture and decreed many new fads as to color, type and so on. The smaller breeders began to go out of business and by the time another decade had rolled

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DOROTHY DIX SAYS -

Silent Girl

Most Men Prefer Woman With Some Conversation

DEAR MISS DIX: I have been going steady with a young man and we get along very well together except for one thing which I am afraid will break up our friendship, which I value very highly, and that is my lack of conversation. I talk very little. I am intelligent, well educated and a great reader, but I enjoy listening in preference to talking. This silence on my part is a bone of contention between us. He feels that I am too introspective and that I not only do not talk enough but that I am so shut up in myself that I drive people away from me. Is reticence on a person's part an asset or a liability, or just unnatural? GRACE

ANSWER: It is all three, according to the way you look at it. Certainly the woman who talks little is kept from saying many foolish things, and if she never discusses her private affairs she saves herself from much bitter repentance, and so far reticence is an asset.

LISTENERS RARE There is a lot to be said in favor of lending your ears instead of giving your tongue. Good listeners are such a rarity in a world filled with talkers that it appears to me your boy friend does not appreciate the blessing he has in you. Personally, I can think of nothing so delightful as having a companion who would let me do all the talking without even desiring to retaliate.

However, the truth is that most men are conversationally lazy. They don't want to have to make any effort to entertain a woman. They don't want to have to bother to think up subjects to talk about. And so they pick out a girl who can babble on, like the brook, forever and forever.

And men like chatterbox wives. They like a wife who is over-

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That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

CANCER OF THE LARYNX

A patient who had moved to a distant city returned on business to his home city and called up his old physician. As his voice was husky, the physician asked him if he had a cold. He replied that he had no cold but his voice had been husky for several weeks following a slight cold. The physician, to save time, arranged an appointment with a throat specialist for the same afternoon. The throat specialist discovered that the hoarseness was due to cancer of the larynx.

The patient was given a letter to his own physician and called up his city and was put under treatment immediately on his return home. In "The Handbook of Cancer," published by the Canadian Medical Association, we read that "the only early symptoms of cancer of the larynx or vocal cords is persistent hoarseness." (Tuberculosis or syphilis may also cause hoarseness.) Something interferes with the movements of the vocal cords so that they lag or are slow in their movements.

"Any patient in the cancer age who has unexplained hoarseness for over three weeks should have a thorough laryngeal examination. If this examination proves negative and the hoarseness continues he should have a second examination."

Generally, tuberculosis is found in the back half of the larynx and cancer in the front half. While persistent hoarseness is the only early symptom of cancer of the larynx, harmless polyps also cause hoarseness and are usually removed by radium, or X-ray. The fact that these polyps and also warty growths occur most often in the front half of the larynx makes it necessary to have a small section of these innocent growths examined under the microscope so that no time is lost in making the diagnosis. If these benign growths return after having been once removed in adults, they should be treated as if they really were cancer.

Remember, persistent hoarseness in a cancer-age patient should be considered cancer until proven otherwise.

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A Country Garden

By Mrs. Gordon Macmillan

Think not of snow and ice and rain. Would you have joy Think of the pale new grass that comes in Spring, Of birds, and flowers along the river bank. Violets and cowslips by the babbling brook. God grant you heart to sing Of sunshine in the Spring.

Trust to the Powers that show Opaline seas, green hills in sunset glow; Daybreak among the glades where thrushes sing Of budding branches in the Spring.

Think not of ice-bound roads and angry skies, But in your lonesome moments look Where beauty lies. (Twas always so); it shall be so again.

When sunshine floods the fields of growing grain, Thank God and sing Of sunshine in the Spring. —Barbara Mill New Wiltshire P.E.I.

Spring is a remembering time as you walk around the garden, looking and finding plants you had almost forgotten. It is wise to leave the mulch on while there is still frost in the ground, and then to take it off gradually. Daffodils have been grand this Spring in the garden room, the lovely gift bulbs in pale yellow with double centres in a creamy color, long lasting and different, also very large doubles with soft orange centre and a good fragrance.

Petunias brought in from the garden with fragrant bloom in crimson and purple, and the garden carnations have many, many short stemmed sweet flowers making the room seem like a summer day. The red rose tree is covered with small beautifully shaped fragrant roses and because it was given to me by a dear lady I am glad it has grown so well. Sometimes I have lost gift plants, and it is very embarrassing to be asked about the state of their health and beauty.

Those whose birthday it is, may anticipate a year of the singular intriguing and challenging, based on ideals, glamor, allure, or the problematic rather than the practical and tangible. Drama, romance, indulgence of the creative in vision and execution may not materialize with lasting returns unless wiser and more practical cooperation is sought. A child born on this day is strong in creative talents out of the ordinary, lead by emotions and inner drives.

For the Birthday

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Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. In a theater party made up of several women, what is the order of procession down the aisle?
A. The hostess follows directly behind the usher and stands at the proper aisle seat, indicating the order of seating as her guests approach. Always walk singly down the aisle.
Q. Is it permissible to address a wedding invitation to "Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown and Family"?
A. No; the words "and family" are no longer in good usage. A separate invitation should be sent to each member of the family other than the husband and wife.
Q. Is it all right to use a piece of bread to take up the last bite of food on one's plate?
A. No; eat all that is on the plate if you wish, but do not scrape the plate.

How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I restore the nap of velvet?
A. Heat a flat-iron, turn it upside down, place a wet cloth over it, and lay the wrong side of the velvet over the cloth. Rub up the nap rapidly if necessary, but usually the steam will do this.
Q. How can I have a better gas flame on the kitchen range?
A. Use an ordinary pipe cleaner to run through each little valve. This will clean the openings of all grease and dirt and will make the gas flame much better and brighter.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Cherry Relish
To make cherry relish use four cups seeded cherries, one cup raisins, three cups sugar, one-fourth teaspoon cinnamon, one-fourth teaspoon cloves, two tablespoons lemon juice. Mix these ingredients and boil twenty minutes. Stir frequently.

White Kid
White kid is very effectively cleaned by using a mixture of equal parts of powdered alum and fuller's earth. Dip a flannel cloth into this and rub on the spots. When clean, brush with a clean flannel.

Removing Beet Skins
After placing the beets in hot water for a short time, drain off the hot water and immediately fill the vessel with cold water. The skins will then come off very easily.

Questions Only
"An M. P. is supposed to be familiar with all public questions, isn't he?" asked a friend.
"Yes," replied the M. P., "but not necessarily the answers."

Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He tells me that he is feeling very good today."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "epitome"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Caneoling, oweing, foregoing, benefiting.
4. What does the word "pretension" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with op that means "to weigh down"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "feeling very well." 2. Pronounce e-pit-oh-me, both e's as in me, accent on second syllable. 3. Owing. 4. A claim put forward, whether true or false. "Women have fewer pretensions than men." —Hazlitt. 5. Oppress.

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Or 2 cups cooked spaghetti and 2 cups celery, corn, cabbage or peas.
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