

Religion and Life

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SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE

Kipling's poem "Tomlinson" is his version of Dante's conception of the neutral. (Inferno, Canto 3). Because of his neutrality on all moral issues, he is fit for neither Heaven nor Hell. We shall return to this subject later, but in the meantime we wish to point to the reason Kipling suggests for Tomlinson's neutrality. Satan, who dismisses him with the contemptuous gibe: "The God that you look from a printed book be with you, Tomlinson." The man had nothing that was his own—neither good nor evil. He had learned the religion he professed from what others had said about it. He had never thought of pressing through their testimonies to the reality to which they bore witness and finding God for himself.

This is the peril in which our race stands today. We boast of our possessions and achievements but what of the soul behind them? We have gained enormously in this western world, but what have we lost in the process.

We referred recently to Premier Nehru's visit to a great Christian organization, but then we dealt particularly on what they said to him. We must not overlook what he said to them. Among other penetrating insights this flashed out: "This very high development of technology goes on increasing at ever more rapid pace, leading to a certain type of civilization which brings enormous benefit to humanity but which has also tended to introduce a rather

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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Michael Amos (Eskimo name Nasook) says he'd rather be trapped by ice than trapped by people. A visit to Vancouver, B. C., for one day convinced him that civilization is all wrong. So he's going back to the North to trap muskrats this winter.

Now they've come up with a toothbrush with a built-in chamber for holding tooth paste. Made of plastic, the brush is filled with quick drying nylon bristles. A turn and push of the handle charges the bristles with paste. Resembling a fountain pen, the toothbrush has a ventilated clip-on cap that permits it to be attached safely to one's pockets.

Another remarkable invention is a tiny stove no larger than a match box which does anything from boiling coffee to heating baby's bottle. The inventor of this tiny but powerful stove is Peter Gilchrist of Charlottetown, North Carolina.

Bats are sensitive to cold and become lethargic in temperatures well above freezing. But they can raise body temperature at will.

And to keep from overheating, bats employ a mechanism very much like a car radiator. The cooling device is located in the wings. Blood from other parts of the creature's body moves into a vast network of tiny blood vessels in the wings, allowing considerable heat to be conducted from the wing membranes to the air in quick order.

Old Mother Nature played a trick on Lloyd Wood of Illinois, or was it on the Black Angus. Hereford calf born on Wood's farm? Anyway the black parts of the calf are covered with short, kinky wool—just like the wool of a young lamb. The white parts bear the usual hair. Well, that's one for the farm experts to explain.

"Anegotist is a person who talks about himself when you want him to talk about you." And a successful man is one who has formed the habit of doing things that failures can't be bothered doing.

Canada holds a sizable fortune in unclaimed bonds. Some of the bonds in question date back 60 years, but most of them are saving bonds of small denominations.

Eleven sons assisted in various ways at the funeral of their mother, Mrs. Angela de Peonada, in Granada, Spain. Requiem mass was offered by one of the sons, a priest. Two other sons, also priests, attended, while two others are studying for the priesthood acted as altar-servers. Six other sons carried the coffin to its last resting place.

Old wooden mallets that look like the body of ancient cannon were unearthed in Philadelphia when workmen set about putting in new piping.

These old water conduits were cedar tree trunks with six-inch grooves. They were found to be in excellent condition despite the fact that they were installed the same year that Wellington defeated Napoleon.

Once each year the Richwood, West Virginia, News Leader may be smelled as well as read. That's right; and all because an onion like herb saturates the newspaper's annual ramp issue. (Ramps is the name of the herb.)

Believe it or not, but thousands of miles of roads in rural Turkey are kept passable by the marching feet of 25 million sheep and 17 million goats!

Nothing beats a sheep's foot for packing loose earth or for keeping secondary roads free from weeds.

If more people would seek peace and pursue it we would not get mixed up in so many wars.

The best physicians are Dr. Diet, Dr. Sunshine, Dr. Fresh Air, Dr. Quiet and Dr. Merry Man.

"If your nose is close to the grindstone rough And you hold it down there long enough In time you'll say there's no such thing As brooks that babble and birds that sing. These three will all your world compose— Just you, the stone, and your darned old nose."

A firm in England is putting on the market sink-proof swim suits which it claims will support the wearer for at least 72 hours in water. The clothes are padded with an inflated material enclosed in "dryvent", a waterproof cotton which adds little to the bulk or weight of the clothes.

The pranks played by boys are many and strange. Which reminds me of my own childhood days when some of my schoolmates went to the farm of the late Duncan Hyde, Cornwall, and molassesed and sanded his pure white mare.

Hyde, the owner of the village grist mill, didn't want the boys fishing the Old Salt Water hole, above the dam itself. And the boys wanted to fish.

So to sort of even things up, the lads paid a visit to Hyde's stable late on Monday night and gave the milk-white beast a generous coating of molasses and sand.

Tuesday morning Mr. Hyde couldn't attend the city market with his toll-flour because the old white mare wasn't what she used to be.

Bartholomew Diaz, the Portuguese navigator, discovered the Cape of Good Hope in 1488.

THE CENTRAL GUARDIAN

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RETURNS FROM HOLIDAY — Miss Mary T. Roche, R.N., arrived in the city Friday by plane from a holiday trip in Boston and Manchester, New Hampshire. In Boston she was guest of her sister, Miss Claire Roche, R.N., who is employed at the Robert B. Brigham Hospital.

LEAVING FOR KOREA — A/E L. R. Robert Henderson is spending a few days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Henderson, Water Street, prior to his departure for Korea.

DON'T MISS the first chapter of "Exit Tony Blount," a new novel by Sydney Parkman, of which the first installment will be published in tomorrow's Guardian. You'll look forward to every installment of this fascinating story of life in the East Indies.

ARRIVE FROM ENGLAND — Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Webster arrived in the City Saturday afternoon from England and plan to make their home here. They are presently visiting Mrs. Webster's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Dignan, 11 Spring Park St.

TRANSFERRED TO MONTREAL — Friends here will be pleased and interested to learn of the transfer of Mr. Harold MacPherson, son of Mr. A. L. MacPherson, Water St., from the C. N. R. traffic department at Halifax to the traffic department of the head office in Montreal. Mr. MacPherson, who attended West Kent School and Prince of Wales College here, was in Halifax for over four years. He has already left for Montreal to assume his new duties.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of John L. Mellish, who passed away March 9, 1951. Memories are something no one can steal. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Some may forget you now you are gone. But we will remember, no matter how long. Remembered by Bertha, Bruce and Malcolm.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Mrs. James Cousins, who passed away on March 8, 1949. To the tribute of love and remembrance To her who was one of the best The joys that she missed in life's highway May she find in God's garden of rest. Ever remembered by son Eric and family.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of John L. Mellish who passed away March 9, 1951. Ever remembered by Charlotte and Herb.

Card of Thanks

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Dr. Seaman, nurses and staff of the P. E. I. Hospital for their kindness to me while a patient there. Also to those who sent cards, letters, flowers and fruit. Mrs. Robert Chappell York.

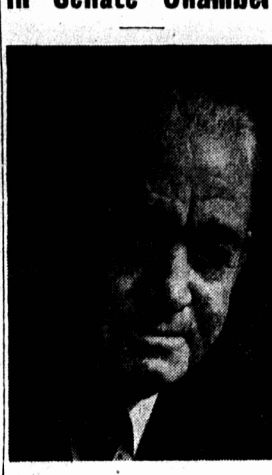
Card of Thanks

I wish to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Giddings and all my Nurses for their care and kindness to me during my long period of illness in the P. E. Island Hospital and to all other members of the staff who did everything possible to make things pleasant for me. I also wish to thank Captain and Mrs. L. Titcombe and all my friends who called to see me and brought treats and those who sent cards and letters and those who made phone calls. Signed Mrs. Olive Carr, 224 Fitzroy Street, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

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ment of the American College of Surgeons at Chicago in 1913.

Lenten Meditation

From The Columns of The Times, London BIBLICAL SYMBOLISM

It is odd at first sight that the festival of the angels should have been included in the Christian calendar or should survive among the major saints' days. For the angels are neither Christians nor saints, nor even, by definition, human beings. Yet in Christian art and imagination they have always been clothed with human form and invested with many human attributes. To the popular devotion they were ever-present, closer and more "real" than the saints.

It must be admitted that there was in all this a considerable element of folk mythology. The abiding religious value of the festival is the conviction that man is not alone—that he has his place in a spiritual hierarchy, in a vast gradation of created being.

God ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order. The Church on earth joins in its worship with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, in the cosmic hymn of praise and adoration.

It is frankly the language of religious symbolism—but in what other language could it be expressed? The ultimate convictions of religion can perhaps be set forth only in such terms. Whatever the source of the Biblical Symbolism—and it may derive from very primitive origins—what angels stand for in the Bible is the energy of the living God, in creation, in providence, and in redemption.

The world under the sovereignty of God is not a closed system of forces; it is stored with inexhaustible vitalities, open to powers of healing and renewal, in which God is committed to the cause of man and in which the divine victory is assured. Michael Mas revives the conviction of a spiritual dimension in the universe such as a bleak scientific attitude seems no longer able to apprehend. The moral defeatism and frustration which afflict the contemporary mood are the symptoms of a claustrophobia induced by a world view from which God is banished and in which there is nothing beyond man, in which therefore man seems doomed to failure. There is to-day a widespread misgiving that men are the spoil of an enemy too mighty for them, caught in the grip of historical determinism against which all their efforts can avail nothing. They need the courage and confidence which breathes through the imagery of that war in heaven in which Michael and his hosts are their allies. Mortal men are not left to fight alone. Divine reinforcements are available—the redemptive resources of the living God to succour and defend us on earth.

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