

Woman's Realm Social and Personal Fashions Literature

Lenten Meditations

MINIMAL RELIGION
(The London-Times)

The eulogy on faith in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews is undoubtedly the most familiar section of that epistle. But the chapter contains a description of faith which must have struck many a reader as somewhat banal by comparison with the heroisms and adventures amid which it is set. "He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

It would seem, however, that the writer does not intend in these words to set before us an ideal of what faith should be. He is concerned rather to show us what it is like when it is reduced to its barest proportions.

This minimal religion, as one may call it, is compounded of faith and hope. The faith that God is something much more than the acceptance of theoretical monotheism. The Bible knows nothing of a knowledge of God which does not issue in action. To believe that God is means, therefore, to ground one's life on the assurance that 11 hours of perplexity one is not alone; to go forward in the faith that, however much the visible world may mock at one's aspirations and frustrate one's efforts, they do not lack a support in the invisible world.

Such faith is not without the assistance which hope gives. The God in whom it trusts is "a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." This does not mean that one makes an arid calculation that, in spite of present disadvantages, his service will pay in the end and is therefore worth while. It is the trust, even when events do not appear to justify it, that truth will ultimately triumph, and that to have stood for it will be to have had one's part with that which endures.

Such a hope, as the word "diligently" makes clear, is no passive waiting. The soul is braced by it to endure and to persist, giving itself without reserve to what is highest in worth, in the unflinching conviction that it will prove supreme in power.

This attitude of mind, of course, is something on which a man falls back when all else is taken from him. But even so, it is ground which can be held against all comers, and from which he can set out afresh to make a far more extensive territory his own. For the faith and hope that have been here described, if their implications are considered, lead on to some of the most daring and most fruitful of the Christian affirmations.

Granted that God is, can he be thought of as without interest in the world? Will he not rather enter into it, to share in the experiences of his creatures and win them for fellowship with himself? And the dogged trust that to serve God will prove at the last not to have been in vain broadens out into the expectation of that kingdom in which his ultimate grace brings fulfillment to our most cherished hopes.

Pioneer Days

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

No event recorded in Island history equals the destructive effects of the great Yankee Gale of 1851. That terrible tragedy practically destroyed the entire fishing fleet of this province, together with a number of ships from Gloucester, Mass.; New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Maine. But the heavy toll in lives taken by the sea was worst of all — an estimated eighty-three souls perished.

Friday, Oct. 3rd, saw the sun rise in a cloudless sky; all weather signs pointed to a fair day, but towards noon the sky took on a strange appearance as clouds, accompanied by a stiff gale and fine mist, swept across the heavens as though pursued by some angry god. Towards the late afternoon, the wind had increased until it became a raging gale, sweeping the water into great white billows. Then the night dropped her mantle over the gallant little fishing fleet, a shroud so black and enfolding that not even the oldest salt afloat could recall anything to equal it. From the East Coast to North Cape ships of all sizes were caught in the mow of the gale and tossed about like chips in a whirlpool; all the while the wind increased and the waves grew higher.

All day Saturday the fury of wind and waves beat hard upon the boats, and the captains of some headed for the open sea, as there was no safe anchorage to be found anywhere. The Sabbath morning of Oct. 5th saw no change in the weather. Indeed, if there was any change at all, it was a change for the worse; and watchers on shore, powerless to render any assistance, wept openly as they saw the brave little sailing boats — one by one — dash themselves to pieces against the rocky shore.

One eye witness of the terrible tragedy describes the disaster in the following words: "What uproar, what disaster! The wind was truly terrific. . . vessels by the score being pounded to pieces on the shore, their crews clinging to bits of floating wreckage. . . Mountainous waves, riding in their mad career, dashed their feet against the land with a crash that sounded like a thousand voices of thunder all rolled into one mighty voice." The last paragraph tells the grim tale. No further words are necessary to give the reader a vivid picture of the Yankee Gale of 1851.

Traffic Toll

In 1946, 157,848 people were injured and 5,062 lost their lives in road accidents in Great Britain.

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

Jamie returns these afternoons with library books tucked with the other contents of his school-bag. Interesting volumes in the main, these are, of familiar subjects, brightly illustrated, and altogether bewitching to small lads inclined to take up with the like, as is Jamie. Presently on the couch with Gage beside him, they proceed to scan the pages. And when they have exhausted their own skills in gleaning the tales from these, Jamie remarks plaintively: "I wish I knew what it is all about — I can tell it's funny by the pictures, but I can't make it all out. I wish some one would read it!"

And the younger fellow is sure to echo solemnly and on a desolate note "We wish someone would read it to us!" And then perhaps in exchange for a favor to us, we come to the reading. It is of course fortunate for us that in more than one instance, we can depend on this as an effective medium of barter. In many directions. "Now, you drink up your milk, Gage and we'll do some reading then" usually means "Bottoms up!" And a suggestive "We could have a spell at that new book, once the woodbox is full" hastens an evening chore that is never too popular.

"Read!" Jamie laughs ruefully "I read to her before breakfast; sometimes and it's often the last thing at night — to say nothing of the time between." And she has a notion that the small fellow also listens attentively, doubtless taking a cue from his sister. Because he had completed his homework early, there was a pleasant interval of entertainment for Jamie this evening before finally "the sandman" called him (Continued on Page 8)

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Cigarette Stains

To remove the yellowish stains from the fingers caused by cigarettes, rub them with some powdered pumice mixed with a little peroxide. Follow this by a good wash in soap and water.

Headache Relief

A remedy that will often relieve a headache is to place a pinch of salt on the tongue and let it dissolve. In about ten minutes take a drink of cold water.

Avoid Rust

Tinware will not rust if it is rubbed with fresh lard when it is new, then placed in a hot oven for about an hour.

DOROTHY DIX SAYS -

Good Manners

Sound Training Invaluable To Child In Later Years

DEAR MISS DIX: My husband and I disagree upon one point in rearing our children. I feel that while they are young I should teach them the amenities of life, how to enter a room, how to greet people courteously, how to eat properly, etc., and, of course, this can only be done by what practically amounts to nagging. Telling them over and over again: "Johnny, take your hat off when you come into a room." "Mary, use your fork and not your knife," and so on. My husband objects to this. Says I shouldn't worry the children about trifles, and that when they grow up they will know how to behave themselves properly. Which one of us is right?

MOTHER

ANSWER: You are. Aside from grounding a child in the moralities, there is no other one thing that it is so important to teach him as good manners. They will carry him farther along the road of success than any one thing, for good manners are a letter of credit that is honored at sight the world over.

NEED POLISH

Perhaps there was a time when the rough diamond was valued at its true worth, but that time is gone now. People haven't the time nor the patience to peer beneath the surface and realize that there is a fine jewel that only needs polishing to be brought out in all its splendor. They want their diamonds handed to them already cut and polished, and the mother who does not do this for her children commits a grievous wrong against them.

As for saying that children who are allowed to grow up uncouth will suddenly possess elegant and polished manners when they are grown, that is nonsense. No such miracle ever happens. Nothing in the world sticks closer to us than the habits of our childhood. The boy who is allowed to eat with his knife is a sword-swallower as a man. The girl who is permitted to hold her fork as if it were a spade is still grubbing with it at the food on her plate when she is grown. And it takes the laughter and derision of others, and shame and mortification to teach them what their mothers should have taught them.

Perhaps children may resent their mothers' nagging when they are little about their manners, but when they are grown they thank her on their bended knees for it.

DEAR MISS DIX: We are a boy and a girl of 19, who are very much in love with each other. Is it safe for us to marry without ever having had the so-called "playtime of life"?

WE

ANSWER: I consider it most unsafe and that none should risk it except those who were, as the phrase goes, "born old", and who are temperamentally so cold and sober that they have no craving for gaiety in any form. There are young people like that. Boys and girls who are aged in the cradle, who never want to dance or go to parties or step out of an evening and who are content to marry in their teens and settle down to the serious business of life without ever having had any of the fun that belongs to youth.

It seems to be a law of Nature that all young creatures must have their playtime, and if they miss it something is lacking in their lives. The boy husband has the boy's instinct to run with the gang. He isn't satisfied to sit at home of an evening and look at his wife. And the girl, when she sees the other girls of her age dolling themselves up and starting off for gay evenings while she stays at home and washes the dishes and darns husband's socks, grows bitter and dissatisfied and wonders what made her fool enough to throw away her gay, carefree girlhood.

So take your playtime now, children, at the time of life to which it belongs. Do your running around before marriage. Then you will be glad to settle down and stay put by your own fireside.

DEAR MISS DIX: I have been accused ever since I can remember by my many, many friends of being egotistical. Can you suggest a cure?

ALEXANDER.

ANSWER: I can. A very easy one, only no conceited person will ever take it because they do not wish to be cured. The remedy is this: Consider the people about you who are so much better-looking, who are so much more intelligent and who have achieved so much more than you have, and compare yourself with them. No vanity can survive that acid test.



The Prince Edward Island Musical Festival Association through the Percentage Allotment Committee assists rural areas in providing instruction in music in the schools. To qualify for such assistance schools must provide instruction under a qualified instructor for at least six weeks, and must compete at schools in the Annual Festival in Charlottetown, in May.

Last year the Percentage Allotment considered applications from twenty-five schools, and recommended grants amounting to almost \$500.00. The grant to each school consisted of a basic grant of \$10.00, and a supplementary grant based on the relative per-pupil cost of instruction in music. The grants ranged from \$10.00 to \$15.00. Several schools that applied for aid found themselves not in a position to compete in the Festival and consequently were not eligible for the grant recommended.

The Percentage Allotment Committee early in January of this year published in four Island newspapers advertisements urging schools or Women's Institutes acting for schools in their districts to write the Chairman of the Committee for application forms. To date 32 questionnaires have been mailed as requested, and 18 questionnaires have been returned to the Chairman.

Secretaries of the Women's Institutes and teachers are reminded that all questionnaires are to be mailed to the Chairman of the Committee not later than February 28th.

The Committee has been assured of a larger amount of money for distribution this year, and consequently will be able to recommend more generous grants than last year. This is a splendid opportunity for all rural districts desirous of giving instruction in music in their schools.

That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

DIAGNOSING CANCER OF THE LUNG

Recently I wrote about a method of finding out if the liver was doing its various jobs properly. The method consisted of inserting a needle with a saw edge which enabled the physician to remove a small piece of the liver and examine it under the microscope.

For many years the diagnosis of cancer of the lung was difficult to determine owing to other conditions present. A recent article in "Radiology," by Drs. G. P. Rosenmond, W. E. Burnett and J. H. Hall, reports a needle examination (biopsy) of 231 cases of cancer of the lung in which 772 biopsy examinations were made. They first used this method without using a sleeping or quieting drug, and the patient often walked back to his room. The method is simple and should be used when a definite diagnosis of cancer cannot be made by analysis of the sputum and by the bronchoscope which allows the physician to see a considerable portion of the lung.

These physicians have not had any serious complications arise. They did not find that withdrawal of the needle spreads the cancer. Where there is calcification (solid condition of the lung due to accumulation of calcium or lime) the scirrhous part or nodule can be moved aside and felt by the needle.

This method is especially helpful in locating a cancer on the outer portion of the lung although it must be admitted that in certain solid portions of the lung it is difficult to insert the needle and remove some of the tissue. Fortunately, the X-ray and other methods of examination help the physician to make his diagnosis.

When we think of the many cases of cancer which were not located by the usual methods, it is encouraging to know that this simple method, removing a portion of tissue for examination, is now available not only in helping to diagnose cancer, but for diagnosing ailments of various organs and tissues throughout the body.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Is it obligatory to write letters of condolence?
A. Yes; they are obligations of friendship and should not be neglected. They should be brief, sincere, and sympathetic, and should not contain affected phrasing.

Q. Where should a woman, escorted by a man, sit when riding in a taxi?
A. When entering the taxi, she should take the seat farthest from the curb, so that her escort is not forced to pass in front of her.

Q. When a person is introduced to another person for the second time, is it necessary to recall the previous introduction?
A. It isn't necessary, although optional.

Morning Smile

English

A professor of English had a very pretty secretary. One day his wife, entering his study unexpectedly, found the secretary sitting on his knee.

"Excuse me," she said. "I am surprised."

The professor turned round.

"No, my dear," he said. "We are surprised; you are astonished."

Living & Leisure

— THE WOMAN'S REALM —

PLAINT OF THOUSANDS

hips — 38 to 39 inches, bust — 36 inches.

"O give me a house by the side of the road
Where the race of men go by—"
Or give me a room in some broken-down flat,
Just any place under the sky.

"O, give me a home where the buffalo roam,
Where the deer and the antelope play—"
Or give me a room in some tenement shack
Where the cockroaches ramble all day.

"Or give me a home, O give me a home!
I'll pay in advance not a cheep!"
I don't want a bath, just a six-by-eight room;
Just give me a place to sleep!

—By Gordon Gould in Vancouver News-Herald.

WRITING TOUR HELPS WOMAN'S NEW NOVEL

Marie Anthony, young actress-writer, is back in London after a self-supporting 8,000-mile tour of Canada and the United States. Seeking material for her third novel, Miss Anthony paid her way by lecturing and broadcasting, working for her meals in hostels and cafes, demonstrating a comb-curler in a Vancouver store and baby-sitting.

"I have returned with everything I set out to get — background, plot and characters and a tale of my own to tell."

Miss Anthony's first novel, "A Lion Roared in Trafalgar Square," is to be published soon. Before taking up writing after the war, she worked with several repertory companies in the London area.

Of Canadian and American girls, she said: "I felt they were older than me — so self-assured and self-possessed."

CURVES FROM NORTH OUST LONDON MODELS

LONDON — Plumper mannequins from northern England are replacing svelte, willowy London girls in local fashion houses. Reason: Latest London fashions call for more curves. The average London fashions call for more curves. The average London model's measurements are hips — 36 inches, bust — 32 to 34 inches. North country models average

Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I intended to write you all week."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "resume" (noun)?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Column, volum, autumn, consummate.
4. What does the word "abolition" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with "t" that means "unreasonable contempt of danger"?

ANSWERS
1. Say, "I intended all week to write to you." 2. Pronounce ray-su-may, u as in unit, principal accent on last syllable. 3. Volume. 4. Act of doing away with wholly, or state of extinction. "The remedy for every social wrong can be nothing less than the abolition of the wrong." — Henry George. 5. Temerity.

-Needlecraft-

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