

PREVALENCE OF SACRIFICE

Must Be Without a Blemish, and It Must Be Holy.

I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.—Rom. xii., 1.

There is much talk now-a-days of reasonable service. The regular church service is often dispensed and sneeringly referred to as the most unreasonable by men who claim that "the great dome of nature" is a much more worthy place for the adoration of the Almighty than even the most dignified church building, and that the only reasonable service is to cut loose from all creeds, from all revelation, from everything that is supernatural and to devote all time and energy to the things that be.

Is that rational? St. Paul, preaching to the Greeks at Athens, says likewise: "God that made this world dwelleth not in temples made with hands, neither is worshipped with man's hands, as though He needed anything." But he has

A DIFFERENT IDEA

of what a reasonable service is; he calls it: "To present our bodies, a living sacrifice." The universal prevalence of sacrifice in ancient times shows how deeply it was rooted in humanity. Everywhere we encounter the idea that God wants a sacrifice, for sacrifice is service and service is sacrifice, and as the greatest offering appears blood and life.

Now it is certainly unreasonable to believe that God could be pleased with burnt offerings or that a bloody sacrifice of a human being was necessary to appease Him. And yet it is true God is looking for a sacrifice. Having been re-

deemed by Him who gave His life as a sacrifice for sinners, we should present our bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God. That is a reasonable service. What does that mean? It means that what God has given us we should give back to Him sanctified. This applies also to our body, which should be a living sacrifice.

St. Paul writes to the Corinthians: "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which you have of God and ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body."

HOW OFTEN DO WE FORGET.

How careless do we often treat our bodies and how neglectful are we sometimes in regard even to the fundamental principles of human health! No wonder that the soul is so weak while it dwells in a body which is more like a tomb than like a living temple! A sacrifice must be without blemish, and if the presenting of our body shall be acceptable unto the Lord, it must be a living sacrifice. And it must be holy. While the heathen ideal of the Greeks was beauty, the Christian ideal is holiness. "Ye shall be holy, for I am holy!" Many strive after the heathen ideal. They care more to look good than to be good and are ever ready and ever busy to correct nature. It is astonishing what they are willing to sacrifice, to suffer in order to gain this end. How much good could be accomplished if they would employ the same energy in striving after holiness!

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HAD GIVEN UP HOPE

But Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Restored Vigorous Health.

Medicines of the old fashioned kind will sometimes relieve the symptoms of disease, though they never touch the disease itself—they never cure. Ordinary medicines leave behind them indigestion, constipation and headaches. Purgatives leave those taking them feverish and weakened. On the other hand Dr. Williams' Pink Pills do direct good to the body, the blood and the nerves. They fill the veins with new, rich blood; they tone and strengthen the nerves; they cure diseases by rooting it out of the blood. They always do good—they cannot possibly do harm.

Mrs. George R. Wilson, Moncton, N.B., says:—"A few years ago after confinement I contracted a severe cold and although I took considerable medicine, I got no better. In fact my condition was gradually getting worse. I was all run down, had no appetite and grew so weak that I could not do my housework. At last the doctor who was attending me told my husband that I was going into a decline, and I feared so myself, for a sister had died of consumption. When almost in despair a friend suggested my taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I got half a dozen boxes. Before I had taken them all I began to get better. Then I got another half dozen boxes, and before I had used them all I was able to do my housework again and was in better health than I had enjoyed for years. I believe Dr. Williams' Pink Pills saved me from going into consumption and I warmly recommend them to every weak person."

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BLAZE 1,800 FEET HIGH.

And Above it a Column of Smoke Rose to 9,000 Feet.

The greatest oil fire in history is supposed to have been the fire which by a conservative estimate destroyed more than 5,000,000 barrels of oil last year in the San Geronimo field near Tampico, Mexico.

The oil stratum was struck at a depth of 1,840 feet in a six inch cased well. The torrent of oil burst forth and was quickly followed by a blow out of gas which opened a big orifice in the earth's surface, swallowing up the derrick and whole drilling outfit, including the engine and boiler. The gas and oil were ignited from the fire under the boiler and the great fire was in this manner started.

It burned for sixty-two days. The vortex or crater through which the oil poured was gradually enlarged until it was more than 500 feet wide. A rim of rocks and earth was formed around its outer edge resembling a volcano's crater. According to the Technical World the blaze extended to a height of from 1,400 to 1,800 feet and the column of black smoke rose above it to a height of about 9,000 feet. On top of the smoke rested a great white cloud of vapor which was estimated to extend skyward to an additional height of 7,000 feet. The blaze could extinguishing work.

The great oil fire was extinguished by means of six centrifugal pumps which were kept constantly busy for two weeks throwing mud and water into the crater. Heavy discharges of dynamite around the rim of the orifice also aided in the extinguishing work.

Shortly after the flames were put out the oil burst forth again in greater volume than ever and its output was estimated at 150,000 barrels a day. It has been a difficult problem to care for the oil. The Mexican Government sent several hundred soldiers to the scene to assist the owners of the well in building earthen reservoirs for temporary storage of the product. The oil overflowed these reservoirs and large quantities escaped into the San Geronimo River and Lake Tamiahua.

HE WAS A WIDOWER.

Her—"The man I marry must have a family back of him."
Him—"Be mine! I have a mother, three girls and a little boy."

THE LIMIT.

She—"Darling, do you love me?"
He (kissing her rapturously and repeatedly)—"Do I? I wish you were a two-headed girl. That's all I can say."

KILLED ON ALPINE PEAKS.

Avalanche Swept London Physician Over Precipice.

A terrible Alpine tragedy has occurred on the Piz Danis Scharans, where Dr. John Evan Spicer, a London physician, was killed by an avalanche, and his younger brother, Gerald Spicer, rescued half-frozen and in a seriously injured condition, after being left for many hours in the snow.

Dr. Spicer and his brother, both expert Alpinists, had stayed at the Schweizerhaus Hotel, at Lenzerheide, for several weeks, being among the most popular visitors in that Winter resort.

On Wednesday morning they left their hotel on skis, without guides, intending to climb the Piz Danis Scharans, which is nearly 3,000 feet high, in order to ski into the Domleschg Valley.

When near the summit they were suddenly enveloped in a blinding snowstorm, and lost their way. They wandered on to the extremely dangerous slope of the Domleschg, and there attempted to shelter themselves from the wind.

While climbing to the slope they were swept away by an avalanche. Dr. Spicer was carried a distance of 900 feet into the Scharans gorge, the younger brother managed to save himself. He clung to the slope for hours calling vainly for help and unable to move.

When the brothers did not return to their hotel the other guests became alarmed. The proprietor collected a search party of ten guides, who were joined by thirty Englishmen, who are members of the Rhaetia Alpine Club.

Thursday afternoon they found Gerald Spicer, who explained the disaster as best he could. The body of his brother was discovered afterward, half buried in the snow.

Mr. Spicer was carried to Lenzerheide with great difficulty, and there attended by a physician. In addition to his great exhaustion, he is suffering from frost-bite, and it is feared that his left foot will have to be amputated.

GAVE SKIN TO HELP WIDOW.

Life of a Factory Girl Saved by Wealthy Women.

The Misses Zoufall, Prchal and Karl, three young Bohemian girls of good family, underwent an operation at Prague, Austria, from philanthropic motives.

A young woman named Fritsch, employed in a Prague factory, recently had the misfortune to be completely scalped, owing to her hair being caught in a machine. To save her life it was necessary to transplant fresh skin from another person to her head. Her employers advertised a reward of \$100 to any person who would provide the necessary supply, and no fewer than 600 persons offered themselves at the hospital for the purpose. The doctors chose a poor widow, who required the money for the education of her children.

The three young women mentioned heard of the case, and informed the doctors that they would each give some of their own skin for nothing on condition that the widow should receive the \$100. Their offer was accepted, and the three had pieces of skin from the soles of their feet removed and grafted on the factory girl's head. The operation was completely successful.

A LAUGHING BABY IS A WELL BABY

When baby laughs, and gurgles and crows mother knows he is well and happy. When he is cross, fretful and sleepless give him a dose of Baby's Own Tablets and see how speedily they will change him to a happy, smiling child. These Tablets cure all the minor ailments of childhood and bring health, natural sleep because they remove the cause of sleeplessness. If the little teeth are coming through they help them along painlessly. Mrs. Octave Paulin, Carquet, N. B., says:—"I have found Baby's Own Tablets a splendid medicine for stomach and bowel troubles, and to promote sleep. I strongly advise mothers to use them when their little ones are ailing." Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

North American Life

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1908

The Twenty-eighth Annual Meeting of the North American Life Assurance Company was held at its Home Office in Toronto, on Thursday, Jan. 28th, 1909, when the following report of the business of the Company for the year ended Dec. 31st, 1908, was presented:

CASH INCOME.
The cash income for the year from premiums, interest, etc., was \$1,897,078.28, showing the satisfactory increase of \$81,980.59.

REDUCTION IN EXPENSE RATIO.
The business has been conducted on a conservative basis, as is shown by a further reduction in the ratio of expenses to premium income, thereby placing the North American Life in the front rank of economically-managed Canadian companies.

PAYMENTS TO POLICYHOLDERS.
The amount paid on policy-holders' account was \$654,991.05, and of this sum \$368,831.76 represents payments for Dividends, Matured Endowments and Investment Policies.

ASSETS.
The Assets increased during the year by the sum of \$854,762.01, and now amount to \$9,590,638.09. The Assets continue to be, as heretofore, invested in the best class of securities available; a detailed list of these will be published with the Annual Report for distribution.

NET SURPLUS.
After making ample provisions for all liabilities and paying the sum of \$124,771.26 for dividends to policy-holders, the net surplus was increased to \$876,214.15.

INSURANCE.
The policies issued during the year, together with those revived, amounted to the sum of \$1,465,224.00, making the total insurance in force \$40,341,091.00.

AUDIT.
A monthly examination of the books of the Company was made by the Auditors, and at the close of the year they made a thorough scrutiny of all the securities held by the Company. A committee of the Board, consisting of two Directors, made an independent audit of the securities each quarter. L. GOLDMAN, J. L. BLAIKIE, Managing Director, President.

The Annual Report containing a detailed list of the securities will be sent in due course to each policy-holder.

MYSTERY OF LONELY ISLAND.

Three Sportsmen Found Dead With no Sign of Violence.

A crime, the solution of which would puzzle a Sherlock Holmes, has occurred on Sand Island, in the Caspian Sea.

Three wealthy residents of Baku went shooting on the island, but as they failed to return, a party started in search of them. Their dead bodies were found close to the shore, carefully laid out, each with the hands crossed over the breast. They had not been robbed of their money or jewelry, but their arms, consisting of double-barreled fowling pieces, revolvers and hunting knives, were missing.

No sign of a struggle could be found, the bodies were not scratched or bruised, and the hunting costumes were not disarranged. A boat on which they had proceeded to the island was found, keel up-permost, on the strand, where apparently it had been placed for safety. Two horses were found grazing close by, but to whom they belong is a mystery.

A few yards from where the bodies lay was a newly turned mound of earth. Two feet down in the mound a strangely cut, white, highly polished stone, weighing 40 pounds, was found. This stone is of foreign origin, and cannot, therefore, have been quarried in the island. A neat Orthodox cross had been chiseled on one of the facets.

It was at first thought that the victims had been poisoned, but a postmortem examination disclosed no trace of poison or internal injury. The physician who made the autopsy came to the conclusion that the victims had been stifled and the mouth and nose of each of the men had been stopped by murderers.

This theory is scouted by friends and relatives, as all three were in the prime of health, and one of them, M. Krassilnikoff, was a man of herculean build and strength.

The Young Man—"Gracie, what is it your father sees in me to object to, darling?" The Young Woman (wiping away a tear)—"He doesn't see anything in you, Agernon; that is why he objects."

FROM BONNIE SCOTLAND

NOTES OF INTEREST FROM HER BANKS AND BRAES.

What is Going on in the Highlands and Lowlands of Auld Scotia.

The close of the year found the Ayrshire lace curtain trade depressed.

The total number of pensioners in Ayr is 332. There were 381 applicants.

It is estimated that the grants of old pensions in Glasgow will amount to \$5,000 per week.

"I can truthfully say that I believe that, but for the use of your Emulsion I would long since have been in my grave. I was past work—could not walk up-hill without coughing very hard."

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