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Whoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil or religious, to the test of free discussion, is more in love with his own opinion than with the truth.—WATSON.

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THE THREE DOUBTERS

Recent interviews with three of the influential citizens of the United States on the well-known subject "Life After Death," make interesting reading, providing one does not take them too seriously. In much the same manner as in other countries, but in an exaggerated way in the United States, the possession of a little money or a little "reputation" makes men talk in a manner that, to say the least, is peculiar. It is even more peculiar that these interviews generally take up the subject of religion, and from considerable reading of this kind of stuff recently, we have come to the conclusion that to be a man of science or a man of standing, one must have rather strained views on the matter of religion, noticeably that kind that was taught and generally accepted a decade or two ago.

Luther Burbank, the world-renowned plant wizard, has just avowed himself an infidel, so far as Biblical standards of religion are concerned, though we would think he would be nearer the mark if he owned Unitarianism, which believes that God exists only in one person. This congregation has never issued any confession of faith, one of their most distinctive principles being the right of private judgment in theological matters. Burbank says that he recognizes the existence of a great, universal power—"a power which we can't even begin to comprehend and might as well attempt to." He further says: "It may be a conscious kind of mind, and it may not, I don't know, but as a man, I am not so vitally concerned. As for Christ—well, He has been most outrageously belied. His followers have so garbled His words and conduct that many of them no longer apply to present life. Christ was an infidel of His day because He rebelled against the prevailing religion and government. I am a lover of Christ as a man and His works and all things that help humanity, but, nevertheless, just as He was an infidel, then, I am an infidel today."

Henry Ford, who has hitherto passed unsuspected of abstract ideas, has come forward in the Cosmopolitan Magazine to advance the ancient theory that "each life we live simply adds to our total experience. Everything put on earth is put here for some good—to get experience which will be stored up for future use. There is not one bit of man—one thought, one experience, one drop—that does not go on. Life is eternal, so there can't be any death."

Nikola Tesla of Greek parents, but born in Siberia, and one of the outstanding electrical wizards of the present age, has views of his own. Being intended for the church, Tesla, as he says, has read thousands of volumes on the subject of the soul and its destiny. He expresses himself: "To me the universe is simply a marvellous mechanism, and the most complex forms of human life, as human beings, are nothing else but automatic engines, controlled by external influence. . . . Indeed we are nothing but waves in space and time which when dissolved exist no more."

In his Cosmopolitan article, Mr. Ford further says: "Service is what man has to give in this world. Serve people—do things for them—and you'll get along all right. I believe that there are entities flying about, and when a person is doing something to help people—doing something for people and not for himself—that these entities fly to him and help him. The vital stuff we need is all about us—it feeds and strengthens our spirit. All we need is to keep our lives pointed in the right direction, and what we need will come to us."

These ideas, freak ideas, we might say, may suit Burbank, Tesla and Ford, but will not be very convincing to the rank and file of the land who have from infancy been taught the religion of the Bible and their own particular church. One thing may be said, however, in their favor. They appear to have faith in their convictions.

Whether or not they believe in the Christianity of the Bible, the very fact that they are allowed to express three such divergent views would show that Christianity has not failed in the matter

of allowing free speech in the land, something no other religion permits. It has been said that freedom and Christianity go hand in hand, and that if you can lie down and sleep unguarded and undisturbed, in any part of the globe, an investigation will disclose the fact that Christianity has preceded you and made it possible.

We have no fight with any of the three gentlemen in the expression of their views, nor with anyone else for not falling in line with the teachings of any particular church. To our mind, Christianity, or, perhaps more properly, religion is a man's own affair. He can be a Christian, infidel or a pagan—that is for him to decide. To our mind, the Christian religion is the best, if for only one thing. Wherever it is predominant, there you find liberty and progress. Whatever may be said of churches generally, there is no discount on the real religion of the Christian faith. There may be times when the churches apparently fail, or where church members or even preachers do things that are not right, but that is the human element asserting itself, for which true religion is not responsible.

Like Ford, Burbank and Tesla, we may disagree with some of the orthodox teachings of the church, but this in no wise should prejudice one against the right kind of religion, and despite the abuses to which the Christian religion has been subjected by humans, it has come down through the ages untarnished and just as real today as hundreds of years ago. Personally, we never could see very much in this "infidel" stuff. And what a chance a man is taking! If the Bible and Christianity is all wrong, about the only harm done is the waste of time spent in learning its teachings; if the Bible and Christianity is right, the poor, old infidel is certainly out of luck when the big day comes. He will be all dressed up but have no place to go. At that, we think there are a lot of these so-called "influential" people who talk without much thought, and, like all others who talk without thinking, are oftentimes amusing in their arguments. Burbank is an expert naturalist, Tesla an electrical wizard and Ford a mechanical genius. All three have been too busy in their life's work to devote very much time to things theological, and as a result any views expressed will not have very much weight, in fact about as much as that of a bishop on plants, electricity or motor cars.

Even at that, it might help somewhat if a good many of our so-called Christians and church pillars would get more real religion and act during the week like they pretend on Sundays. Candidly, we much prefer the average sinner who gives himself and his fellowman a square deal during business hours to the psalm-singing hypocrite who attends church two or three times on Sunday and, during the week, is so crooked that he can scarcely hide behind a corkscrew. The Christian religion merits all the good that is said of it, but there should be some way of ridding it of the human parasites who use it as a cloak in order that they may ply their nefarious trades in the hope that a fat contribution to the church fund and a regular attendance at the services will so cover up their tracks that their misdeeds will never be found out.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Somehow or other, we often wish the battery service throughout the country was as efficient as the magazine ads. say it is.

The Progressives have often expressed themselves as against the party system in Parliament. But wasn't the Progressive Party born out of this dissension?

Yesterday was the 17th. Did you wear your St. Patrick's emblem?

D. J. Taylor, Provincial member for North Grey, will move a resolution to reduce the Ontario Legislature from 111 members to 80. Will he advocate that North Grey be one of the 30 ridings to be eliminated?

Next Monday is the 22nd of March, and the first day of spring. Have you got your license motor yet?

JAMES LOWE DIED IN OWEN SOUND HOSPITAL

Well-known Resident of Bentinck Passed Away After Four Weeks' Illness.

After four weeks' illness in Owen Sound Hospital, death came to James Lowe, a farmer living some distance north of here. Deceased was a son of the late John Lowe and was born in Sullivan Township 67 years ago, but later removed to Bentinck, where he resided until his death. He was married 35 years ago to Sarah McLymont, who predeceased him about six years ago. He is survived by a family of seven, Mrs. B. Dargavel, Dornoch, Ruth and Stanley, Niagara, Grace and John of California, and Robert and Jean at home. Interment was made on Tuesday in Latona cemetery, Dornoch.

KNOX CHURCH W. M. S. HELD ANNUAL MEETING

Enthusiastic and Beneficial Gathering Held Last Week at Home of Mrs. E. T. McClocklin.—Officers for Year Elected.

The annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of Knox United Church was held on Thursday, March 11, at the home of Mrs. E. T. McClocklin, with a large number of members present. After the usual opening exercises, the president vacated the chair, and the business part of the meeting was very ably conducted by Mrs. W. H. Smith. The following officers were elected: Honorary Presidents, Mrs. H. McGirr, Mrs. J. L. Smith, Miss A. Gun; President, Mrs. John Bell; First Vice-President, Mrs. Thomas Young; Second Vice-President, Mrs. C. Ramage; Secretary, Mrs. J. S. McIlraith; Treasurer, Mrs. Thomas Allan; Strangers' Secretaries, Mrs. Stonehouse, Mrs. Mather; Home Helpers' Secretary, Miss Drummond; Mission Messenger Secretary, Mrs. John McGirr; Supply Secretaries, Mrs. Thomas Allan; Press Secretaries, Miss E. Derby, Mrs. J. J. Smith; Auditors, Mrs. Middleton, Miss Drummond; Music Committee, Mrs. R. McFarlane, Miss B. Mackenzie; Mission Band Leader, Miss A. McGirr; Treasurer Birthday Box, Miss B. Mackenzie.

The following ladies were elected as delegates to attend the first meeting of the Grey Presbyterian W. M. S. of the United Church to be held in Owen Sound on April 27. Mrs. Bell, Mrs. W. H. Smith and Mrs. McIlraith. When the treasurer, Mrs. Allan, reported that the allocation of the society for the year had been more than met, the members in token of their thanksgiving, arose and sang the Doxology.

This has been the most prosperous year in the history of the society, the sum of \$546 being raised. The devotional part of the meeting was then opened by Mrs. D. B. Jameson who gave the Bible Reading, followed by a short paper on "The Court of the Church" from the Study Book by Mrs. J. J. Smith. Mrs. W. H. Smith gave another paper on "Prayer," a very fine continuation of this important subject which Mrs. Smith has been giving to the Society. Mrs. Bell, at this time, gave a short account of the society from its formation some forty years ago, up to the present time, and with the Roll Call answered with a text on "Accord" and the Lord's Prayer in unison, the meeting was closed to meet again for the first time as the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church.

Refreshments were served, and a pleasant social time was spent. A hearty vote of thanks was given Mrs. McClocklin and Mrs. McBeth for their kind hospitality.

CABINET MINISTERS HAVE OPPOSITION

Bye-Elections to Be Held Shortly in Saskatchewan and Ontario, the Result of Appointments to the Cabinet.

The appointment of the Hon. Charles A. Dunning, former Premier of Saskatchewan, to the portfolio of minister of railways and canals in the Dominion Cabinet, and of Hon. J. C. Elliott, K.C., to be minister of labor, has been the cause, naturally, of two bye-elections to be held shortly.

For a time it was thought these two ministers would be allowed in by acclamation, but recent dispatches from Regina and West Midland would show that this is not the case. In the Saskatchewan bye-election, Hon. Mr. Dunning is to be opposed by Cornelius Rink, former Alderman of Regina, who is running as an independent. In West Midland, Hon. Mr. Elliott is being opposed by Thomas E. Elliott, Conservative, a candidate in the Federal election last year.

A dispatch in yesterday's dailies from Regina says that Mr. Dunning was elected by acclamation there Monday, his opponent, Mr. Rink, not making an appearance.

LOCAL HOCKEY STAR PLAYED AT MONTREAL

Erben Schutz of This Year's Intermediate One of Several Players Who Took Part in Workout of Royal Bank Teams in Canadian Metropolis.

Erben Schutz, defense player on the Durham intermediate team this season was in Montreal over the week-end and, with other players drawn from various towns in Ontario and Quebec, had a workout in the big city. The teams were composed of players who were employed of the Royal Bank and who had been performing on different teams throughout the country during the past season.

The boys were taken to Montreal at the expense of the Royal Bank, and while the motive has not been made public, it is surmised that it is the intention to enter a Royal Bank team in the Montreal City League next winter, and this was the means taken to pick out a strong aggregation to carry the colors to victory next season. With the exception of two other men, Schutz was the only player taken from this part of Ontario, and the game, which was more in the nature of a workout or practice, was played in the Montreal arena on Friday night of last week.

QUEEN STREET Y. L. M. C. MET ON THURSDAY

Good Meeting Held at Home of Mrs. A. C. Kinnee.

The monthly meeting of the Young Ladies' Mission Circle of the Queen Street United Church was held at the home of Mrs. Calvin Kinnee on Thursday evening of last week. There was a good attendance. The president, Miss Twamley, was in the chair. The meeting was opened by a hymn and repeating the Lord's Prayer in unison. After the second hymn had been sung, Miss Twamley read the Scripture lesson. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Miss Juanita Holmes, after which the Herald answered to the Watch Tower. The mite boxes were handed in, and the offering taken, after which the roll was called and several new members were added to the circle.

After the business was discussed, the meeting closed with a hymn and the Mizpah benediction. Following the closing of the meeting, a social evening was spent, after which Mrs. Kinnee served a dainty lunch.

BOGNOR CLUB WON CONTEST

Were Eight Points Up on Ebenezer When Final Score Was Announced. Four Clubs Competed, and Good Time Was Given All Visitors.

The final in the dramatic contest under the auspices of the South Grey Farm Youth Rally was held in the armories at Markdale on Friday of last week, the honors going to the Bognor Club. Though beaten, the Ebenezer Club from Bentinck gave the leaders a good chase, being only eight points down when the judges announced their final summing up. Besides Bognor and Ebenezer, the Onward and McIntyre Clubs also competed.

Following the contest, a magnificent repast was served in the Agricultural Hall, and entertainment for those clubs forced through distance to remain over was provided. Though the attendance of town people at the contest was almost nil, there was a good representation from the competing clubs, possibly 150 being in attendance in all.

The breath of spring is just around the corner. So far, it has been a cold one she has been giving us.

Paying for Poetry

Poetess: "Do you pay for poetry?" Editor: "Yes, madam, My physician orders me to an expensive rest cure twice a year."—Buffalo Express.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. C. H. Widdifield, formerly Mrs. John Macdonald of Chatsworth, received this week for the first time since her marriage, in her attractive house on Spadina Road. The bride wore a handsome dress of blue cut velvet draped to one side and fastened with diamond buckle. Mrs. H. B. Roney of Pittsfield, Mass., received with her mother and wore a pretty frock of yellow beaded in silver. Mrs. Le Pan and Mrs. C. R. Widdifield of Galt assisted in the drawing-room, aglow with spring flowers and lace, was in charge of Mrs. George Nasmith, Mrs. Oldham and Mrs. F. F. Kelly, who were assisted by Mrs. Robert Fennell and Mrs. W. C. Macneill. In the evening, Judge Widdifield received with Mrs. Macdonald, assisted in looking after the many guests.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hargrave of the 22nd of Egremont, who recently held a sale of their farm stock, left yesterday for Detroit, Mich., where Mr. Hargrave will secure a position with a manufacturing firm. The farm has been rented to Mr. Charles McKinnon, Mr. and Mrs. Hargrave will spend a few days with relatives at Markdale and Toronto before leaving for Detroit, where they expect to arrive about April 1.

Mrs. Alex. Firth of Brampton is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wright, College street.

Mrs. James Bunston and Mrs. James Henderson of Egremont and Mr. and Mrs. R. Kinnell of Swinton Park visited during last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Atchison, the latter of whom is ill at her home here.

Mrs. W. A. McGowan and her little daughter, Gwynneth, of Durham, have been the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey for a couple of weeks. Mr. McGowan joined them over the week-end.—Arthur Enterprise.

Mrs. George Horton of Lakelet, who has been visiting in Durham the past two weeks, had the misfortune to fall and break a bone in her wrist. She is still confined to the house.—Clifford Express.

Mrs. Kaiser of St. Thomas visited her mother, Mrs. L. Elvidge, for two weeks, and left for her home Wednesday.

Mrs. R. Hewitt of Toronto arrived Tuesday to spend a week with her mother, Mrs. L. Elvidge, who is not in good health.

Mrs. George Newell is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. John McGoskery, who has been ill in Upper Town.

Miss Elsie Boyce is visiting Mrs. C. Howell, Upper Town, and will sing at the Presbyterian concert in town tonight, the 18th.

Mr. Angus McLachlan of Priceville is visiting his relatives, the Weir and Burgess families, in town this week.

Miss Maxine Lyons of Markdale

visited over the week-end with her cousins, Misses Mary and Grace Hopkins at Williams.

Mrs. Adam Watson, who went to Toronto two weeks ago to visit her daughter, Mrs. Stockley, is, we regret to learn, confined to the house with heart trouble.

Mrs. Ivan Edwards, Toronto, Mrs. William Kennedy, Shelburne, and Mrs. William Heughan, Milverton, are visiting their mother, Mrs. J. A. Aldred, who last week was seriously ill from nose-bleed. We are pleased to report Mrs. Aldred as improving and now out of danger.

Mr. George Watt of Southampton is visiting friends in town.

Mr. William McKay of St. Marys spent the week-end in town visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McKay.

Mr. Orton Hoy of Toledo, Ohio, is visiting his sister, Mrs. John McLean. Another brother, Mr. Arthur Hoy, of Reno, Nevada, who has spent the past couple of months here, left a week ago for Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. Charles Vaughan left Tuesday afternoon for her home in Loreburn after visiting since before Christmas with her daughters, Mrs. James Ewen, Bentinck, and Mrs. T. Timmins, Glenelg. Mrs. Vaughan while here also visited with her sisters, Mrs. W. Baker and Mrs. George Torry, and brothers, Messrs. John and James Ellison, all living in Glenelg.

Miss Annie Macdonald, of the Public school teaching staff, was at her home at Ripley since Friday attending the funeral of a sister who died last Thursday at London.

Mrs. James Tucker of Arthur, who spoke in the Queen Street church on Sunday, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McGowan while in town.

Mr. Frank McIlraith, who while on a visit to Toronto, was taken down with the flu, returned to town this week, and while not wholly recuperated, is able to be around and attend to his duties.

PURCHASED RESIDENCE

Mr. George S. Lawrence, who with his family is moving to town from Egremont, on Wednesday purchased from Mr. C. B. Lawrence the property recently acquired by him from the W. Irwin Estate. Mr. Lawrence gets possession April 1.

DURHAM MARKET

Corrected March 18, 1926.

Table with market prices for Live Hogs, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Peas, Mixed Grain, Hay, Eggs, Butter, Potatoes, and Sheepskins.

GRANT'S

Gloves, Hosiery and Corsets

New Gloves for Spring Wear (the newest), plain and fancy.

Extra Quality Silk Hosiery (all the latest shades), @ per pair \$1.50

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Men's Work Shirts, @ .75c
Men's Silk and Wool Socks, per pair .50c
Men's and Boys' All-Wool Khaki Breeches, sizes 32 to 42, @ per pair \$2.89
Men's Lined Gauntlet Gloves, @ per pair .75c
Men's Cotton Jersey Glove, Brown, @ per pair 25c
Men's Unlined Gauntlet Glove, @ per pair .50c
Boys' Tweed Bloomer Pants, @ per pair \$1.50
For One Week Only, we will sell the Famous Peabody Overall in blue and black, all sizes for \$2.25

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Gent's Furnisher Durham, Ont.

DURHAM SCOUTS FROM HANO

Good Game Dished Up Teams Here Saturd of Thrills Put On Who Showed Possure Teams in Bo

The few spectators boards on Saturday local arena were to little game of the pastime. The local Scouts took on the heavers and beat the of 4-3. It was a "shummy" and the on both teams was had a church younster with any ions has had a strutting his stuff, lads from the Furna a nifty brand of lock bination was nice, been for the super speed of the Durha tale might have be Moon played a fa ing game. Gill W good on the a-ence and right wing reg local team had spe handling to burn; knew nothing abou Passing the puck wa they thought about individual work wa them through.

The teams? Goal, M Buck and Derby; w wings, Ries and Dan lancy.

Durham—Goal, M fense, W. Wilson an tre, Moon; wings, M lraith; Subs, Clark.

It is hoped to play the Trail-Hangers on next, if the ice hold year it is hoped a league will be organ gaining of the seasou

Factory Won From In an interesting g last Thursday night Furniture Company the High School sex 2. There was plent this match, and wh only a small attenda crowd and players ysthaistic. Followi

Factory—Goal, M Donald; wings, Grah Sub, Vollett.

High school—Goal, Wilson and Haves; wings, McIlraith and McGirr.

Stone Plant Best Another interes staged Tuesday on the Stone Crushers. Board Trimmers' out 2. It was a slip-lad is, a slap with the every check, and a laun the players went on when met head-on a slight defense of ell Stone Plant team, bot edge in the scoring. time was announ slingers had quite a n and screwdriver artis lined up as follows:

Stone Plant—Goal, fense, Donnelly and R McDonald; wings, W l Sub, K. Wilson.

Factory—Goal, M McDonald and Vollett left; wings, Saunders Sub, Westlake

RETURNED RECENT SOJOURN

Dr. Miln Harvey, Br W. A. McGowan of Arrived Home to A ing Tempestuous Vo

The Arthur Enterp weeks ago containe interest to many Du

"Dr. Miln Harvey Drived home on Sal absence of over two land and Scotland. D voted himself to pos- while in the old lan a wide and varied bence. He was succes ing the degree of Fello College of Surgeons, iversity of Edinburgh of the highest degr in the profession. D a long and very st across the Atlantic ocean for twelve day as long as is regul make the trip from New York."

Following Dr. Harv family reunion was all the family were ing Mrs. W. A. Mc town, and at which time was spent. Dr. remembered by man as four years ago, w tion, he spent some Rob Roy Mills. We there is a likelihood returning to England he has been offered a position on the staff larger hospitals.

Wellbed (Our Own Corre Mr. and Mrs. Archib Sunday afternoon w Mrs. Revel Boyce.

Mr. Gordon, a Golds friend spent Sunday Mr. Fred Hart.

Miss Florence Be the week-end with M ingham.

Mr. Lorne Goldsmi day afternoon with M ingham.

Mr. James Walsh a Walsh spent the wee and Mrs. W. Weihe