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SECOND SECTION

By William T. Ellis. A man's first spontaneous thought of every person he knows is a picture of some one action, incident or aspect of that personality. Later, the man's whole life may come into particular characteristic. The same pings. law applies to one's attitude toward religion. Nobody thinks a whole system of theology concerning the person whose name the religion of civilization bears. Just what this immediate, spontaneous thought of people may be toward Christianity is of vital importance. Do they look upon it as a court of stern and inexorable justice, which inevitably

it a scheme of general philanthropy? The Statue in the Hospital.

did not portray Him with a whip of cords in His hand, nor in debate with the lawyers, nor a worker of tunda of a great southern hospital shows, he has chosen as the characteristic attitude of the Christ and His Gospel, that of invitation; and everyone who enters this house of healing beholds a figure of the tender-hearted Jesus with outstretched hand of entreaty, saying: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are money and without price."

The Fifth Avenue Parade.

It is refreshing to find something in these days that does not bear price tag. It is the fashion of our materialistic times to put it upon everything. "It costs so much to live" is the universal complaint of men and women who are spending all the money they can by any means make-and spending, too, powers far more precious than money-for the mere outward accessories of modern existence while missing too often, the realities of life. .

For that is a sad part of the situation. It is forever "pay! pay! pay!" and yet get nothing that is worth while. Contrast the prophet's terms of entrance into the best societythe society of the true, the pure, the noble-with the cost of indulgence in the fads and fancies of the! "smart" set. These are very modern words which the old prophet spoke: "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which satisfieth not?" Any one who has seen with discerning eyes the Easter parade on Fith truth. Avenue, or that larger and more cosmopolitan one on the Boardwalk at Atlantic City, is ready to quote the less than divine. This confidence in We collected 2,000 rounds per gun, wise man's words, "Vanity of vanithed the ultimate triumph of truth has the ultimate triumph of truth has a total of 12,000 and about 2,000 lethal shell in addition. Very little words, "The whole world walketh The inevitableness of God's will is lethal shell in addition. Very little in a vain show." It's an outward the comfort of the good, and the ter- firing was done by the battery. seeming that gives no real inward ror of the evil. If the devil ever simply sufficient to register the so goes away on a vacation, and cynic that he is only the devil, while God cal observers often remark that the main object sought is not the pleasure or profit of the outing, but merely the vanity of being able to mot return to me void, but it shall ammunition, till it seemed almost conform to fashion and of having the accomplish that which pleases, and experience to brag about to less for- it shall prosper in the thing wheretunate neighbors. The sheer fool- to I sent it." ishness and emptyness of much of the life of the times that is consuming the spirit's blood of people for whom their Maker planned better is the hope of divine pardon. None things, is enough to make the angels are so good as to be beyond the ned

The International Sunday School Lesson For July 29th Is "God's Gracious Invitation." - Isa. Ch. 55.

The Fat and the Lean. neighbors are spirit sick, spirit hun- Wells has finely said: gry, and spirit thirsty. That is what "Of all things I love the best, squares accounts with every human satisfy its protound moods by grace, God's mercy parts me from my sin. the pencil of unrest has written its to discover mortals in wrong-doing? ugly lines upon the faces that we | "And best I love, of all things high, Is it a system of rigorous and cramping rules of conduct? Or is see all about us.

We are living in a day of fat cirstarving our spirits miserably. The Doubtless there will be general husks of materialism are no food for agreement of opinion that the sculp- the man whom God has made a liv- A father's pity for his child; tor, Thorwalson, was right in his ing spirit in His own image. We For by that depth, so far, so clear, conception of the white Christ. need tremendously to hear this wise God pities all that faint or fear. When he set out to make a statue of word from the ancient Hebrew writ-Jesus in a characteristic attitude he ings, "Eat ye that which is good, "Oh Father, Father, endless kind, and let your souls delight itself in fatness." Better a big life in a little miracles. Instead, as the replica of house. Richness and largeness of spirit are more to be desired than any of the blessing of estate. There are too many "Tomilsons of Berkley Square," who live the conventional round, but never grow a soul that even Satan can respect.

The Long Look.

He who lives a life of the spirit heavy laden, and I will give you should have the patience of the truly rest." This word "come" condenses spiritual. The monkeys are despis- By Major Broun Mackic. Son of Rev. D and comprehends all the New Testa- ed of the jungle folk because they ment teaching, and it is found in the are always in a hurry, and cannot lofitest utterance of the Old Testa- plan for more than a day at a time. ment as this lesson shows-"Let All strong creatures win their souls every one that thirsteth, come ye to in patience. God shows His God-the waters, and he that hath no ship by His willingness to wait. He money, come yet, buy, and eat; yea, is never in a hurry; the eternal come, buy wine and milk without years are His. The Proyerb has it "God's payday is sure, but it does not always come on Saturday." All THAT HAS FOUGHT THROUGH of His plans include two worlds Russia and Rome are but incidents with Him to whom a thousand years are as a day. Looking backward from heavens battlements we may discern a meaning in our present world affliction that justifies the entire cost. There was comfort for ancient Israel, and for all others today, who in hard circumstances spirit, in the promise of a better day in the unseen future when the will of God shall be wrought out in perfectness. The promise to Israel was, that they knowest not and nations that know not thee shall run unto

It is hard for self-assured humanity to realize the word that came to Isaiah, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord, for as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your thoughts." "Do let God be God," cried Mr. Spurgeon, grasping this

The assurance of the old prophet, To-day everybody who can do feels despair it is because he knows

The refuge of every human soul At least the world is being of it. The great message of the sobered by the war that is stripping Gospel is comprehended within

righteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly All sorts of mere ethical isms and

ologies rise and flourish for a brief day and then pass away into the limbo of forgotten things, because they do not satisfy a human soul's review, but the first glimpse is of a civilization of many of its vain trap- pel that is winning the world is a Gospel of pardon.

word of the old seer, "Let the wicked forsake his ways, and the un-

In that day of the Lord's narness -for while He is always nigh there The world requires no proof of its is a sense in which He is at times own deep dissatisfaction with itself. peculiarly near-man enters into In serious mood men and women will personal relation with Him only on frankly confess that they and their the basis of forgiven sin. Amos R.

really ails society. It is trying to The distance from the East to West, satisfy its profound moods by grati- For by that space, and all within,

The space between the earth and cumstances and lean souls. We are For by that height beyond all ken, feeding our bodies luxuriously and God's love exceeds the love of men.

"I love, of deep things undefiled,

I thank Thee for my human mind, But chief of all my praise shall be

BATTERY

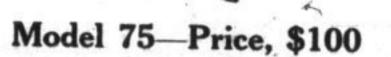
THE ENTIRE WAR,

And Which Took a Leading Part in the Great Battle in April Which Drove the Germans Back.

The following description of the battle of Arras (April 9th, 1917) was written by Major Broun Mackie, would live the serene life of the 86th Battery, R.F.A., of the British expeditionary force, and son of Rev. Mackie, D.D., formerly of Kingston. Major Mackie is a "Behold, thou shall call a nation graduate of the Royal Military College, and has been with the British artillery on the western front since the war broke out. He writes:

On March 22nd the 4th divisional artillery moved into the Arras area, the 86th Battery being in action in St. Nicholas, a small suburb to the ways, and my thoughts than your north of the city. From that date on artillery of all sizes was steadily and secretly concentrated on the area, and large supplies of ammuniof a final day of victory, is nothing tion dumped on the gun positions. guns, as the 9th division was reammunition, till it seemed almost impossible for a shell to land in the village without exploding a dump. The hostile fire, however, was practically nil, and no dumps were sent up in my vicinity.

The battle can be divided into two phases—first, the preliminary bombardment starting at 6.30 a.m., and on April 4th and continuing day and night until the day of the attack. The second phase—This was originally to the 8th, but was postponed twenty-four hours. During the period the battery fired 110 rounds per gun by day, and 110 rounds by night; total, 1,320 during the twenty-four hours. This fire was directed against the enemy's front and support trenches during the day, and his communication As far as possible the day firing line. Several artillery brigades night, when all night we bombarded minutes four guns were continually gun. Sections were in action for tion posts were established, and by the railway east of Belangy to bursts I was able to observe from from which a most excellent view of form a protective barrage for the bhe observation post. The night the hostile lines was obtained as green line. As we were the first was ideal for gas, no wind and a far back as the Point de Jour ridge. brigade to come into action on cap- suspicion of rain. My clouds hung During the period the infantry tured ground, we were dubbed "the low over the targets and seemed made several daylight and night sacrificial brigade" and more pitled most satisfactory. The Hun fired most satisfactory. raids, always encountering oppositions than envied by the rest of the divition, and proving that the line was sion. strongly held, and that the enemy had no intention of retiring from the front. The ground gave every advantage to a defending force, and as the enemy had held undisputed by focal applications, as they cannot possession of it for nearly, three There is only one way to cure catarr. Lies





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Zero hour was fixed for 5.30 a.m. The battery worked in relays during on Easter Monday, but the battery the night and the day of the attack, two squads being told off to each

where many observa- Man's Land" and come into action regular intervals. The first two been worked out previous to this

really concealed, had doubtless been erected. On April 6th, between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., the battery was shelled withh 77 M.M. gas shells. No casualties or damage, box respirations proving most effective.

Four Objectives.

The attack was to be made with four objectives called the black, blue, brown and green lines respectively. Just three were to be won and held by the 9th division from the river Scarpe on the right to the Bosilluif Road on the left. At zero, 9 hours and 40 seconds, the division was to advance through From zero, which was 5.30 a.m., hight.

did yesterday."

was observed from the loft of a high house in Arras called the "Refugees." where many observed from the loft of a high were to move to forward positions strong points and battery positions in action, and the remaining two one hour and out for one-half hour.

This with the two separate detachments are the day fining the sections were in action for one-half hour.

This with the two separate detachments gave the men a chance for



NOT HIS FAULT. M. O .: "I hear that you cough with more difficulty than you

Tommy: "That's odd, Sir, because I've been practising all

