

PARIS KNEW WHAT EDEN GREW

By William T. Ellis.

*The International Sunday School Lesson For May 11th is "Sin And Its Consequences." Gen. 3:11.

Adam, in the other world, may have grinned at Paris peace proceedings which amazed the world. He knew the reason. Civilization stood aghast at the failure of war-taught nations to learn and practice the lessons of simple sincerity and true brotherhood. The clash of international rivalries, the outcroppings of deep and designing selfishness, the ruthless scheming to attain individual ambitions, seemed a scandal to the year in which we live. Straightforward lovers of humanity were incredulous of the reports of jealousy and intrigue and strife at Paris; they would have collapsed into black despair had they known the truth, unpublished facts.

Even so elaborate and modern a creation as the Paris Conference resolves itself into the old elements of human nature, which first made trouble in the Garden of Eden. Statesmen may look wise and talk behind closed doors, but after all their problems and plans rest upon what is fundamental in people. They cannot get far away from human nature. Sin in the individual aggregate, becomes sin in the state. Altruism in the citizens is what produces unselfishness in the nation.

What allied the Paris Conference was simply what allied the Garden of Eden—SIN. There has not been that change of heart which makes whole people desire first the welfare of all men. The law of God is still displaced by the attempt to supersede it and gratify selfish desires. The devil comes to do business with the vanity and pride and desires of men and women. Critics of the League of Nations are right in saying that there will have to be a changed heart in humanity before there can be the ideal world, though in the meantime we should set up as much of the machinery of a truly Christian civilization as is possible and workable. Let us have the League of Nations, and then consider whether it is not the mission of this favored western continent to fill it and thrill it with the fires of benevolence and altruism.

The World's Blackest Fact.

It was none other than the Grand Vizier of Turkey who himself told me, a few days ago, that the blackest deed in all history was the Armenian atrocities. He was wrong, for one bit of fruit from a flourishing tree is less important than the tree itself. Central to all the woes of the world, and the producer of them every one, is the black and ugly fact of sin. Any philosophy which does not recognize the reality of sin, does not adequately apprehend the conditions of the world in which we live. It is the presence of sin that mars all our Edens.

New-fashioned preachers do not talk much about sin; wherein they differ from every one of the prophets, preachers and teachers in the Bible. There is a power within us and about us which makes us choose the worse rather than the better, the hurtful rather than the helpful. That power is sin; and they best know it who have been most affected by it. The logical seminaries may have doubts about sin, but penitentiaries and hospitals and asylums do not. The consequences of sin clank like ball and chain at the feet of the onmarching world.

We are less concerned with the origin and nature of sin than with the fact of its existence, and with the havoc it is working in the life of our own day. We read with interest the story of the first temptation and fall; and if we are introspective we may trace a similar course in our own existence—de-

sire for what we should not have, doubt that God really means what he says, and determined to have our own way, regardless of consequences.

The Laws of the Jungle.

Casting aside all the phrases that the preachers use, we ask ourselves, what is the nature of sin? Wherein exactly lies its distinctive quality? At root, and running out through every twig and branch of its life, sin is refusing to believe that what God says is really true. This takes for granted that we may know what God wants of us; which is another subject not to be taken up here. Underlying all sin is unbelief. That is how Grandmother Eve fell; that is how the latest of her descendants stumbled.

An alluring trap of the tempter's—and it is having an amazing vogue today—was that Eve would become as wise as God himself; that she would be emancipated for all restrictions, and free to follow her desires. It was a religion of the exaltedness of human nature that the devil preached in the Garden. His arguments made God little and man big. "God is only fooling you," he does not mean what he says; the fact is, he is a bit jealous lest you should eat of this tree and become as wise as he is. For all experience is sacred and happiness of man, that you desire this fruit is sufficient reason why you should have it. See how beautiful it is to look upon, and how pleasant to taste. Come, cast aside your fogy, narrow notions and be free and divine—like unto God himself." So ran the familiar seduction.

Cutting directly across this sophistry is the stern truth that nothing in the universe, not even the becoming like God himself, is so important as obeying the clear will of God. "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice," cried God's prophet to Saul. The greatest voice in modern literature writes, in those peerless parables called "Jungle Tales."

"These are the laws of the jungle; many and mighty are they; But the head and the hoof, the baunch and the hump is—Obey."

To find out what God wants to do, and to do that thing despite hell and all its devils, is the one supreme duty and happiness of man. A revival of obedience to God would do more for the world than all the peace conferences that can be convoked.

The Price We Pay.

Bitter as never morning after has been in all the ages since was the awakening of Eve. She learned, too late, that she had lost that which she could never have back again; and that she had gained nothing worth the price. She had paid dearly for that which was not worth buying at all. Out of her Eden—what a parable of many a person's experience to-day!—Out of innocence, out of favor with her husband, and out of joyful relationship with God, Eve learned, what few of us are willing to believe at second hand, that the devil is a liar and the father of lies.

When a child does not welcome its returning father home, because of its own misdeeds, it is repeating the experience of the race. Loss of innocence is the well-spring of unhappiness. Like the jaded appetite which requires ever stronger and stronger stimulants, so the spirit from which innocence has fled goes from worse to worse. Has any novelist ever portrayed the real horror of the lack of spiritual susceptibility? "To the impure, all things are impure" is a horrible characterization of a not uncommon mental state. The plight of the pit is that of the man who has no innocent thoughts, no simple and pure pleasures, no delight in whatsoever is lively and of good report. What a price to pay for disobedience!

The Voice That Strikes Terror.

Some cynic has invented the story that every man has a hidden secret that haunts him; and that a telegram "All is known; look out," would send the best of men into panic. Of course it is not true. Thank God there are myriads of men and women whose lives are an open book—though the evil-minded cannot believe this, which is one of the punishments of loss of innocence.

As Adam and Eve shrank from the voice of God in the garden, convicted by the knowledge of their own guilt, so guilt of soul finds accusation in every glance, betrayal in harmless incidents, and remorse by night and by day. Already, when our first parents knew themselves out of fellowship with God, they had begun to taste death. No excuses could palliate or atone for their offense. Theirs, and ours, is the suffering.

What says the Golden Text of the Lesson, summing it all up? "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Wedding At Myer's Cave.

Myer's Cave, May 5.—A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles MacGregor on Tuesday, April 29th, when their daughter, Lulu Maude, became the bride of Clarence Edmond Major. Rev. P. C. Watson officiated. The bride wore a gown of white satin and tulle with pearl trimming. Her veil was held with a coronet of orange blossoms, and she wore the gift of the groom, a pearl necklace, and carried a bouquet of white roses. Miss Tom MacGregor, sister of the bride, dressed in white silk, acted as bridesmaid. Her brother, Archibald, was groomsmen. The groom's gift to the bride was a cameo brooch; to the bridesmaid, a gold cuff links with initials engraved. At eleven o'clock the bride, with her father, entered the parlor, where the ceremony was performed. Immediately afterward dinner was served. Owing to the recent bereavement in the bride's family, immediate relatives only were present. During the afternoon, the



IN the mud of France and Flanders, and the dreary desolation of war stood a series of little huts where soldiers from the front line trenches used to come. Sometimes it was a dug-out, sometimes it was a shed, sometimes it was the cellar of a ruined house, sometimes it was a section of a chateau or a barn, sometimes perhaps it was a regular "hut". But always the Red Triangle over the door was the sign of welcome—the sign of hospitality and good cheer, the sign of the soldiers' club. And they called it "the Good Old 'Y'."

Help Y.M.C.A. Maintain Red Triangle Clubs

Canada Needs "Y" Service During Demobilization

IN eleven of the principal cities of Canada from coast to coast the Young Men's Christian Association is now operating in separate and distinct buildings Red Triangle Clubs for returned soldiers. In other cities similar accommodation is provided in the regular Y.M.C.A. buildings. These clubs are simply large, well managed hotels where transient soldiers are furnished bed and board at nominal rates, and the conveniences of a headquarters and social

meeting place while staying over on business connected with the adjustment of their military accounts or their civil re-establishment after their discharge from the army.

Red Triangle Clubs are self-sustaining in part, but in the main they are financed from the Red Triangle Fund. The work is increasing as demobilization proceeds. Three Red Triangle Clubs were in opera-

tion last year. This year eleven such clubs are in existence, and in addition similar service is being rendered soldiers in the regular Y.M.C.A. buildings of other cities. To carry out this greatly needed work during the present year, a considerable portion of the Red Triangle Fund is being devoted, and your support is asked in earnest conviction that this service to our soldiers is as deserved as it is appreciated.

CANADIAN Y.M.C.A. **Nation-Wide Appeal** CANADIAN Y.M.C.A.

Red Triangle Campaign

\$1,100,000 May 5th to 9th

RED Triangle Clubs for soldiers were inaugurated in Canada in April, 1917. A committee of prominent business men in each locality undertakes business supervision, trained managers and bookkeepers are placed in charge by the Y.M.C.A., usually men with a long experience in railway Y.M.C.A.'s or similar work. The Clubs are staffed and managed like good moderate priced hotels with the exception that in the restaurants (or dining rooms) ladies' committees furnish voluntary workers as waitresses. All other help is paid.

Free check rooms for soldiers' dunnage bags and parcels.

Reading and writing rooms and free stationery.

A "Mother's Corner," where buttons are sewn on, socks darned, and little jobs of sewing and mending are done for soldiers free of charge.

Commodious shower baths with hot and cold water.

Billiard rooms and other games such as checkers and chess.

Information about trains, telegraph facilities, and free motor bus to and from railway stations for soldiers and their baggage.

An Adjustment Bureau, where soldiers' claims for back pay, war service gratuities, etc., are taken up with the proper authorities and arranged for the returned men.

A Social Service Bureau where men are assisted to find employment.

First Aid facilities for men whose injuries may require immediate attention.

Safety deposit conveniences for money and valuables.

Regular musical and entertainment programmes contributed by Y.M.C.A. workers and voluntary talent; religious services on Sunday afternoons.

For Red Triangle Clubs and service to soldiers in local Y.M.C.A.'s, Military Hospitals, Camps, etc. the National Council is apportioning the sum of \$472,069 in the budget for 1919, and to meet this appropriation a portion of the Red Triangle Campaign objective will be devoted. A sum of \$22,000 is also apportioned for possible new Red Triangle Clubs to be opened during the year.

For Soldiers' Wives and Little Ones

For the wives and children overseas, dependent upon Canadian soldiers, a sum of \$175,000 from the Red Triangle Fund will be set aside to cover the work of the Dominion Council of the Young Women's Christian Association.

Young Women's Christian Association Secretaries accompany the soldiers' families on all the steamers coming to Canada. At St. John and Quebec and similarly at Halifax in co-operation with the Citizens' Committee there, soldiers' dependents are welcomed and cared for. Money is provided in cases of need to those lacking sufficient funds to complete their journey. At the railway stations throughout Canada similar service is rendered by local Y.W.C.A. workers.

Committed there, soldiers' dependents are welcomed and cared for. Money is provided in cases of need to those lacking sufficient funds to complete their journey. At the railway stations throughout Canada similar service is rendered by local Y.W.C.A. workers.

For the sake of the soldiers' wives and dependents coming to Canada, be generous when you make your contribution.

For Canadian Womanhood

The Dominion Council of the Young Women's Christian Association has also the responsibility of attending and promoting Y.W.C.A. work for Canadian women and girls, which is growing more widely necessary each year. Everywhere the Y.W.C.A. is called upon for help, and your contribution to the Red Triangle Fund will make response the more nearly complete.

The rates charged to soldiers making use of the Red Triangle Clubs vary according to locality, but the service in every case is given at prices much below cost. The result is heavy monthly deficits at each Red Triangle Club—deficits that can be met only by funds subscribed by the public in the Red Triangle Campaign.

Red Triangle Clubs provide:

A social rendezvous for soldiers held over by personal business and at their own expense in the big cities.

Hotel and restaurant accommodation to returned men at below cost.

Help the "Y" complete its work for soldiers. Help extend "Y" service to Canadian boys. Help bring the Red Triangle to the Army of Industry and to Rural Canadian Life.

National Council, Young Men's Christian Associations of Canada

The Red Triangle Campaign is under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency, the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.F.O., P.C.

Hon. Campaign Chairman: JOHN W. ROSS, Montreal

Campaign Chairman: G. HERBERT WOOD, Toronto

Campaign Treasurer: THOMAS BRADSHAW, Toronto

Campaign Director: CHAS. W. BISHOP, Toronto

GIRLS! MAKE A BEAUTY LOTION WITH LEMONS

At the cost of a small jar of ordinary cold cream one can prepare a full quart pint of the most wonderful lemon skin softener and complexion beautifier, by squeezing the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white. Care should be taken to strain the juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in. This lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sallowness and tan and is the ideal skin softener, smoothen and beautifier.

Just try it! Get three ounces of orchard white at any pharmacy and two lemons from the grocer and make up a quart pint of this sweetly fragrant lemon lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands. It should naturally help to whiten, soften, freshen and bring out the roses and beauty of any skin. It is truly marvellous to smoothen rough, red hands.

Farms For Sale

W. H. GODWIN & SON

Real Estate & Insurance
89 Brock St. Phone 428

happy couple motored to Tweed and return they will reside near Napawan. It is understood the Duke of Devonshire will shortly retire as Governor-General of Canada, says the London Mail. The papers say that the office will be offered to the Earl of Athlone, brother of Queen Mary, the sea. Without the needle the mariner could never thread his way through the sea.